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New Scottish group formed

The Bon-S/NapS Coalition of Scottish Clans has been formed in Bonita Springs/Naples, Florida. Some of the first members include Carol Hayes, Patricia Hilliard, Nina Curry, Barbara Sandifer, Wes Leishman (on the front row). The back row is Lamart Egbert, Elva Rae Egvert, Janice Yahuke, William Hancock, Elaine Leishman and Verla Wall.

One of the first things the new group did was to join COSCA, The Council of Scottish Clans & Associations.



2002 Newsletter Contest open

If your group does a newsletter, you're invited to enter the 2002 *Family Tree* Newsletter Contest.

It doesn't matter how big your publication is...or, how small! Entries are judged "like to like" and some of the big winners in past contests have been small, simply produced pieces!

Just send two separate issues of your newsletter, magazine, newspaper, games program, other event program - or other publication to: *Family Tree* 2002 Newsletter Contest, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. The entry fee is \$25. The deadline is 1 May 2002. Make checks to *The Family Tree*.

Be sure and include the complete name of the entering organization, the editor's name and a contact number

Entries are divided into categories such as magazines, one-sheet format, newsletters, booklets, programs, photocopy, etc., and then into ethnic societies, family societies, clan organizations, Scots other than Clans, historical societies and groups and genealogical societies, etc. This year, there will be a Master Class just for past winners of the Grand Prize!

Prizes will include ribbons.

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Last chance for Scottish Weekend 2002 in Moultrie! Reserve your place today!

Scottish Weekend 2002 will be here February 15, 16, 17...and it is going to be a wonderful time filled with friends, food, fun and learning!

Mr. Duncan A. Bruce of New York will be the Honoured Guest. Mr. Bruce is the author of *The Mark of the Scots* and *The Scottish Top 100*.

Honoured Clans will be Clans Bruce, Wallace and Bruce - forever historically intertwined. Mr. John Douglas of Warner Robins, Georgia will give a talk on the historical connections of these three families.

Friday afternoon will begin with visits to the Tyson Trophy Museum in Doerun, Georgia with Friday night featuring an old-fashioned-everybody-can-take-part Ceilidh and Quail Dinner. Saturday will be a day filled with presentations, ceremonies and

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Clan Scott Society votes to declare Odom Library archival & genealogical home! Now, we are 114!

Chieftain of the Clan Scott Society, Charles F. Scott, FSA Scot, announces that it was voted and approved at the Clan Scott Society Annual General meeting at Grandfather Mountain last July that the Odom Library shall serve as a depository of Clan Scott records.

This means that there are now 114 Scottish Clans and groups utilizing the facilities at the Moultrie library.

The Odom Library is delighted to welcome the Clan Scott Society to its library "family."

If you wish to contact Clan Scott, email <CScott5063@aol.com>

Next year, the Clan Scott AGM will be held at the Longs Peak Scottish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado the second weekend in September.

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News from

Local history conference planned for March 8 - 10, 2K2... in Woodbine, Georgia

The Bryan-Lang Historical Library in Woodbine, Georgia will host a local history conference this coming March 8 - 10. The conference is being funded, in part, by a conference grant from the Georgia Humanities Council.

The conference starts on Friday afternoon with workshops and continues on Saturday with morning and afternoon sessions. Sunday morning there will be an optional tour of St. Marys, Georgia.

Woodbine is located in historic Camden County, one of Georgia's original colonies.

For more information and a brochure on the local history conference, contact the Bryan-Lang Historical Library at 912-576-5841. You may write PO Box 715, Woodbine, GA 31569.

Virginia Genealogical Society to hold Spring Conference

The Virginia Genealogical Society will hold its annual Spring Conference on Saturday, April 6, 2002 at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. The Conference theme will be "Neglected Sources: Unturned Stones."

The Conference registration table opens at 8:15 AM. The conference will feature eight presentations, including four workshop sessions for beginning researchers.

Registration forms with agenda and details are available directly from the Virginia Genealogical Society, "Spring Conference," 5001 W. Broad St., Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023.

Southern California Genealogical Society sets 33rd annual Genealogical Jamboree & Family History Faire

The Southern California Genealogical Society's 33rd annual Genealogical Jamboree & Family History Faire is set for April 13, 14, 2002 at the Exhibition Building, The Pasadena Center, 300 East Green Street in Pasadena, California.

For complete information call 818-843-7247 or contact <http://www.scsgenealogy.com> or <scgs@earthlink.net>

Dick Eastman to speak in Dallas

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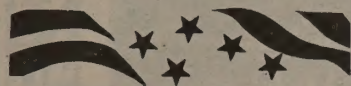
The books will now be available to the general public.

The NGS collection was donated to the St. Louis Public Library under provisions of a mutual agreement.

The agreement provides that the books acquired from NGS will be available to the general public through interlibrary loan. Patrons' use of the books will be subject to the receiving libraries' policies regarding patron use of interlibrary loan materials.

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The books should, if everything has gone on schedule, be available online now.



The Tallahassee Genealogical Society, Inc., invites you to hear Curt Witcher

The Tallahassee Genealogical Society, Inc. is sponsoring a seminar featuring Curt Witcher, President of the National Genealogical Society. The topics included are: Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries, Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodicals for Genealogical Research, and Using Military Records for Genealogical Research.

Registration will begin at 8 AM on Saturday, March 16, 2002, at the Elks Lodge, 276 North Magnolia Drive, Tallahassee, Florida.

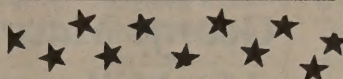
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All completed orders for Passenger Arrival, Census, Eastern Cherokee Applications, Land Records, Pension Applications, and Military Service Records that had been held pending the test results have been mailed to customers and orders that were in the Brentwood mail distribution center at the time that the center was closed have begun to trickle in.

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Elgin Genealogical Society offers scholarship and grant

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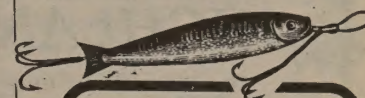
The \$1000 scholarship and grant will be awarded to a graduate student and/or organization, such as a library or museum that offers an intern study program affiliated with a college or university.

Graduate students must be enrolled in library sciences, museum studies or history as they relate to genealogy.

All submissions must be mailed to Scholarship Chairman, Elgin Genealogical Society, PO Box 1418, Elgin, IL 60121-1418. Submissions must be postmarked by 15 February 2002.

Chester A. Bowser was an EGS member when he died in 1988, leaving a bequest to the society for the purpose of awarding a scholarship and grant.

You may call for further information: 847-888-1661.



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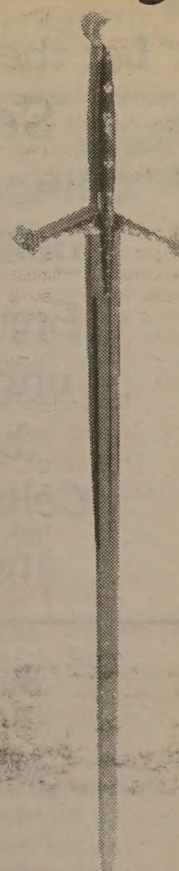
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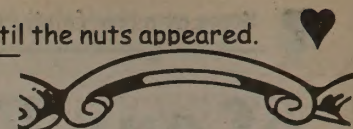
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If you think you have a Revolutionary War patriot - male or female - the Daughters of the American Revolution will search their database of proven Revolutionary War patriots for you free of charge.

The service is available to you at <<http://www.dar.org>>

**Where do you think you're going?**

There is an ancient prophecy from Trumpan on the Isle of Skye in Scotland.

In the churchyard of the old church at Trumpan (about eight miles north of Dunvegan) stands a stone with a hole right through it.

With your eyes closed, you have to try to put your finger through the hole.

It is said that if you are successful at the first attempt, you will go to heaven; if not, your route leads in the other direction!

With thanks to the Scottish Society of Louisville, *Newsletter*.

Scottish House would like to hear from you

We received a very nice letter from Moyna J. Scotland or Scottish House Australian Scottish Cultural & Information Center, Inc., PO Box 498, Granville, NSW Australia 2142.

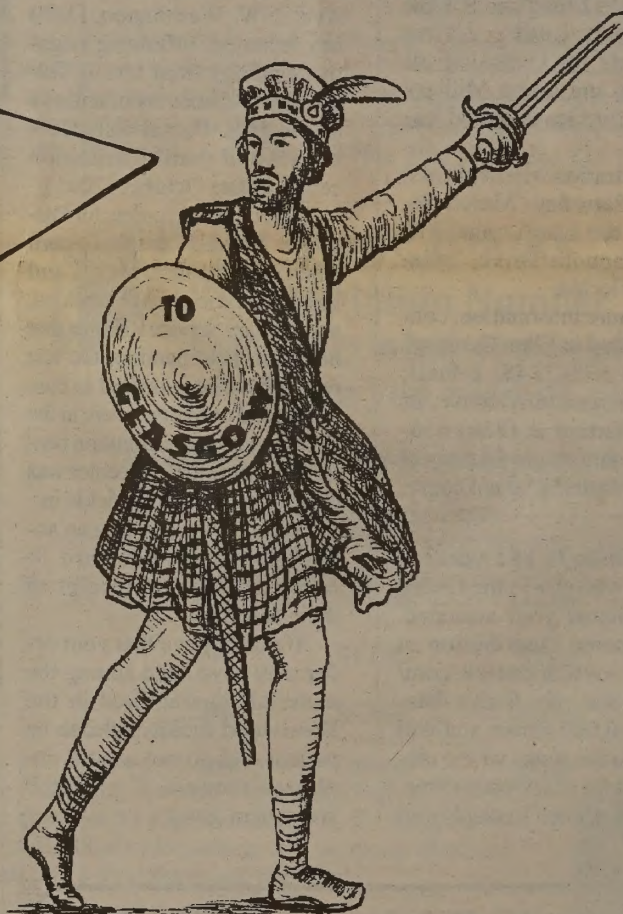
Ms. Scotland is very interested in our Scottish clan organizations in America and how they work. If you'd like to write, your contact would be most welcome. You may also email <scottishhouse@sydney.net>



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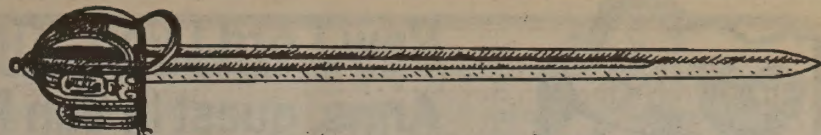
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Military Scottish broadsword, model of 1828, grand Scottish Weekend 2002 door prize!



A great door prize this year for Scottish Weekend 2002 in Moultrie has been donated by Rory MacLeod, Inc. and is a copy of the Scottish Broadsword, model 1828, authorized for all Highland Regiments of Foot, under service to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, or Provincial troops.

Actually, the reproduction featured, is the bandsman's broadsword. Enlisted and N.C.O.'s broadswords were to be steel baskets after 1828. Bandsmen continue to carry a brass basketed broadsword today.

Its gold tone compliments the uniform and instruments of the band. The design of this broadsword dates well back into the early years of the seventeenth century. The earliest

broadsword being dated somewhere in the 1640-1650 range.

The design is sometimes referred to as that of the Edinburgh School. Sword

and the total number of pieces. They may be marked with the broad arrow for Crown ownership.

Unit, or regimental, markings were usually on the basket, as shown. A broad arrow and scepter or coronet and initials of the reigning monarch may be on the blade.

Officers and N.C.O.'s would frequently

purchase their swords from private contractors. These blades many times are completely unmarked.

The reproduction has a plain, double-edged blade, with no fuller. It is made of high carbon steel, probably better than many originals. Blades exist with as many as three fullers or one wide fuller. For an officer or a gentleman or chieftain, the blade would frequently be embellished with mottoes or clan war cries or the maker's name. It may be blued or etched, or, even, inlaid with

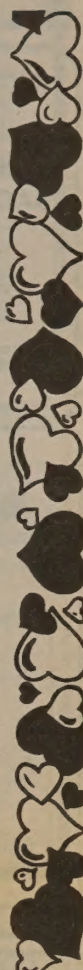
gold. The reproduction has the marking: "Andrea Ferrara." This is often found on Highland blades and is the result of high quality blades originating in Italy in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, some of which were actually made by a sword smith named "Andrea" in the area of the town of Ferrara. It took on the meaning of high quality and was frequently counterfeited. The running wolf mark of German blades was used the same way. Some Scottish makers counterfeited even the "Sheffield" marking.

If you were an officer or a gentleman or chieftain, you probably would go to a cutler and choose among blades of various qualities, probably made in such exotic places as the German states or Spain, and then choose a basket to be mounted to the blade. The scabbard might be chosen for riding or for carrying on foot. A military man might choose one of each. He would have one to be mounted on his saddle; and one to carry.

Antique blades are usually very precious, so the metallurgical quality is in doubt. A number of years ago, one of my circle, a metallurgist with a large company, acquired a broken sword that probably dated from the mid 1700s. He went through etching and hardness tests, coming to the conclusion that the blade was little better than modern mild steel. It had been deeply hardened, probably in a charcoal forge, giving it some measure of flex and ability to hold an edge. The original maker had probably over hardened the blade to make up for poor quality steel. Or, perhaps, the maker had no idea what kind of steel he had purchased, but only knew he had an order for a blade and did his best to deliver with what he had on hand.

Many antique blades have the maker's mark and the name and some facts about the owner. Just as today, the blade was frequently marked as a memento, and the sword was probably never meant to be used in com-

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DO YOU HAVE A MALE RELATIVE BORN BETWEEN 1872 & 1900?

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Many of the cards also include:

- * Exact place of birth (including town in old country, if immigrant!)
- * Number and type of dependents - father/mother/minor brothers or sisters/wife/children;
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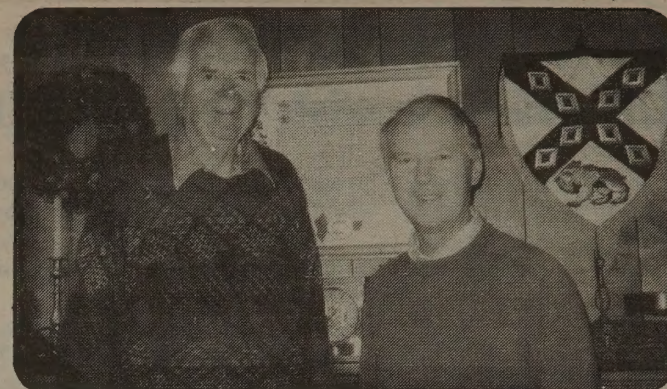
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New Lord Lyon, King of Arms, guest in San Francisco

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Scotland's new Lord Lyon, King of Arms, The Rt. Hon. Robin Blair, LVO, WS was a guest of honor at a dinner given by the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco at the Fort Mason Officers Club during his recent visit to San Francisco.

Members and guests enjoyed the opportunity of meeting Lyon. He was appointed Lord Lyon King of Arms by the Queen in February 2001, following the retirement of his predecessor, Sir Malcolm Roghwald Innes of Edingight. He is an officer of state, a judge of the realm and the supreme officer of honour.

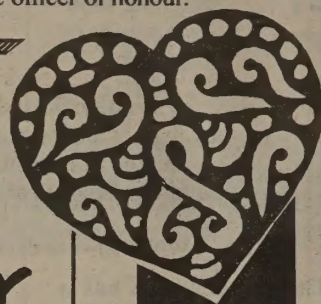


The Rt. Hon. Robin Blair, right, with William Campbell Blair, MD (left) in Dr. Blair's home in Menlo Park, California. Bill is a past president of the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco and past president of the Clan Blair Society. Dr. Blair's personal arms are depicted on the banner.

The Scottish system of heraldry is the purest in the world today and Lyon is the ultimate authority on Scottish heraldry. He is the judge over all matters armorial including the succession to titles and chiefships and is in charge of all state ceremonial events in Scotland.

Lyon is retired from the prestigious Edinburgh law firm of Dundas and Wilson Solicitors. He holds a number of distinguished positions including Secretary of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and is a member of the Royal Company of Archers, and since 1988, has been a Purse Bearer to the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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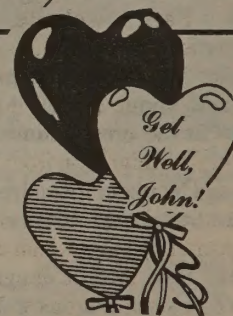
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John Scott recovering
Past President of the St. Andrew's Society of the Eastern Shore in Easton, Maryland, John Scott, has been in the hospital for the past few months with a severe virus contracted in South Africa.

Dorris Marshall Scott, his wife, says that he making slow, but steady, progress.

He would surely appreciate cards and notes from our *Family Tree* readers. Write: John Scott, Room #13, University of Maryland Medical Center, 22 South Green St., Baltimore, MD 21210.

Best wishes, sir!

Ulster Roots:

You're invited to the
Ulster-American Folk Park,
County Tyrone, Ireland!



Richard K. MacMaster
The Scotch-Irish Society

The Ulster-American Folk Park, near Omagh in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, should be on the itinerary of every traveler on the Scotch-Irish trail, whether they do their traveling by air or computer.

In addition to an extensive outdoor museum of authentic Ulster buildings and Scotch-Irish buildings from America, the Folk Park has a first-class research library and the Centre for Migration Studies.

Anyone planning a visit to Northern Ireland will find a full day at the Folk Park too short a time to take advantage of everything it offers. But both those who can arrange to do on site research in Ulster and those who do their research on the internet will soon be able to use the extensive *Emigration Database* compiled by the Ulster-American Folk Park.

The database is on line and can be accessed through the Folk Park website at <www.folkpark.com>.

The *Emigration Database* contains about 30,000 documents at the present time, all relating to emigration from Ireland and Northern Ireland to the United States and Canada in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. They include emigrant letters, newspaper articles, shipping advertisements, ships' passenger lists, reports of government commissions, parliamentary debates and estate papers. All are presented in full, not as abstracts.

Nearly all the original documents included in the database are in archives and libraries in Belfast, where the project is based.

Some family letters and other documents only came to light as a result of the project.

Descendants in Ulster or in North America made family papers available to the database project and, in some cases, then deposited them in

the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and, in others, kept the originals.

In either case, the information is now readily accessible through the database.

A visitor to the Folk Park, and soon anyone anywhere in the world, can type in a personal name or a place name and find any mention of either in any of the 30,000 documents.

I've seen visitors disappointed because the database could not identify their ancestor or tell them where he came from.

It can only tell what the various documents say about "Archy Buchanan" or "Searsport, Maine."

It can't sort out whether the documents refer to the same Archibald Buchanan or a dozen different men of that name.

If the only mention of Searsport, Maine is in a customs document that a certain ship was built there, it can only report that.

Anyone interested in learning more about how and why our ancestors came to North America will find this a valuable source.

Since the *Emigration Database* is part of the Centre for Migration Studies, its primary purpose is to help researchers find information on different aspects of emigration/immigration.

Are there first-person narratives of crossing the Atlantic in the 1770s? in the 1820s? What did it cost? What laws regulated emigrant ships? How did landowners view emigration? Are there letters from immigrants who became cotton planters? Or worked in cotton mills? How did the "cotton famine" in the 1860s impact emigration?

There are as many questions as there are documents. Probably more.

The Folk Park website can be an introduction to a fasci-

Mimi Lozano continues on US Senate Task Force

Mimi Lozano Holtzman, former *Family Tree* columnist and editor of the most excellent *Somos Primos* has been invited to continue on the United States Senate Task Force on Hispanic Affairs.

Lozano Holtzman is also on the International Advisory Council for the Paso al Norte Immigration History Museum and Research Center in El Paso, Texas. The concept is to develop a center for genealogical and scholarly research on the immigration movement from the southern borders into the United States, like a Southwest Ellis Island.

She is also a founding member of the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research Society (SHHAR) and current president.

Congratulations, Mimi, on your well-earned recognition!

You may access *Somos Primos* now online as a monthly magazine at: <<http://www.somosprimos.com>> or contact SHHAR at PO Box 490, Midway City, CA 92655-0490 or at <<http://members.aol.com/shhar>>

Poles help research into high blood pressure

Experts say the discovery of a possible genetic explanation for high blood pressure in men may lead to targeted drug treatment or alterations in genes to try to prevent the condition.

In southern Poland, a study found a marker on the male chromosome that may partly explain why high blood pressure affects more men than women in middle age.

The report on a study by University of Glasgow researcher, Fadi J. Charchar, was presented this fall in Chicago at the American Heart Association's conference on high blood pressure research.

With thanks to the Polish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin. Contact them at PO Box 342341, Milwaukee, WI 53234-2341.

French-Canadian Cookbooks available now

The popular *Je Me Souviens La Cuisine de la Grandmère* (I Remember Grandmother's Kitchen) is available now from the American French Genealogical Society, PO Box 830, Woonsocket, RI 02895-0870.

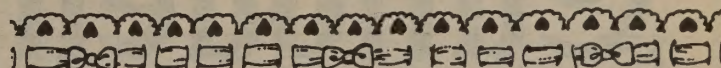
The cookbook contains more than 700 recipes including traditional French-Canadian favorites like tourtière (met pie), ragout (stew), yellow pea soup, gortons (cold meat spread), crêpes (pancakes), sugar pie and hundreds more.

This newly-designed cookbook, written in English, has a wipe-clean vinyl cover, colored dividers with helpful cooking hints, heart-healthy substitution charts and a spiral binding that allows the book to lay flat while in use.

The cookbooks are \$17.00 including shipping and handling. Rhode Island residents, please include 98-cents sales tax.

nating museum and its educational outreach. It's well worth visiting.

The Ulster-American Folk Park began with the original farmhouse and outbuildings of the Mellon family farm at Castletown, near Omagh, Co. Tyrone. Judge Thomas Mellon, founder of the Pittsburgh banking family, left there as a little boy in 1818 and returned again as an old man.



Center for Basque Studies invites you to Reno, Nevada

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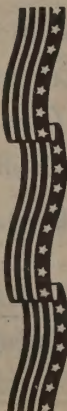
Thanks to *Immigrant Genealogical Society*, PO Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369.

Are you a Marine veteran of Navy officer who was at Rhodes, Greece - July 1958?

If you are a United States Marine Corps veteran or United States Naval officer who served in the July 1958 Middle East Beirut Crisis and if you were at Rhodes, Greece during July 1958...and if you can attest to the Sea Storm Happening, please contact Navy veteran Harry John Rose, US Navy veteran and the stern line man that July evening. Hand surgery is needed and Mr. Rose needs statements witnessed and signed by a Notary. The statements need to be dated and written to "To Whom It May Concern."

Mr. Rose writes, "Other injuries were sustained as well and any veteran who was a Marine or a sailor who knows anything of this matter can be of service to the veteran in need."

Please contact Harry John Rose, 845 Timor Ave., Orlando, FL 32804. Call 407-644-9664.



A HIGHLANDER AND HIS BOOKS

SCOTLAND: THE STORY OF A NATION

Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot

email: <jurascot@bellsouth.net>

I probably have over two dozen books in my library on the history of Scotland. Included in that number are several histories ranging from two to eight volumes. Some are as modern as Ross, MacLean and Tranter. Others are as ancient as Browne, Taylor, Beattie and Tytler. Some date back to the 18th and 19th centuries. Pardon me, but I sure do not want to leave out Sir Walter Scott's *Tales of a*

Grandfather, which played a very significant part in Magnus Magnusson's history of Scotland. (We will revisit this work of Scott's later in the review.)

The theme of most of the writers today is "concise" whereas the men of yesteryear, well, they wrote and wrote and wrote volume after volume and would probably still be writing today if they were alive! Yet, both groups have a

common denominator - they tell the wonderful story of a brave, struggling nation, always outnumbered, mostly undermanned, and more likely than not, under prepared. These brave ancestors of ours fought and died for their independence and for that precious word those of us on this side of the pond know about firsthand - freedom. They fought time and time again. Yes, we have another history about Scotland. For some reason it always amazes me when I see another new volume on the bookshelves of the book peddlers, and I usually avoid them. Another book on Scotland, I ask? Hey, what's left to write? How many ways can that *auld story* be told?

We are fortunate, and now I am glad, that one more author decided to write about our Motherland one more time. I am even happier that I did not let my misguided feelings about another book on Scotland's history stop me

from making this purchase. Magnus Magnusson, what a great name, he of television fame and the author of over thirty books, will warm your hearts as the old stories are told with his insight and explanations. Magnus has done all of us a big favor by writing *Scotland: The Story of A Nation*. When I picked up the book at Barnes & Noble to look through it, I almost dropped it because it was so heavy. Upon further examination, I found out why - the publishers used a top-grade paper to cram 774 pages into a book only about two inches thick.

An interesting touch of the author, who lives north of Glasgow, is what he calls "people history", the legends or traditions that have developed over the centuries about the giants of Scotland's past and how they are viewed today. Mr. Magnusson does not hesitate to tell you if he

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TLC Genealogy, PO Box 402269, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369, offers a new book, *Charles County, Maryland, Court Records, 1741-1742 (3)*. The book is \$20 postpaid - although Florida residents are asked to please add 6½ sales tax.

You may order the book from the above address or from <<http://www.tlcgenealogy.com>>.

This book contains detailed abstracts of about the first half of Vol. 39 (2001), 246 pages, 1751 map.

If you would like the complete abstract of the court records, *Charles County, Maryland Court Records, 1741-1743 (4)* contains the rest of Vol. 39 (2001), 183 pages. 1751 map. This book may be purchased from TLC Genealogy and is \$17 postpaid - although Florida residents are asked to please add 6½ sales tax.



Solinet and AncestryPlus come to Odom Library

Solinet - a research workshop using a program (WorldCat) to search for books all over the world in other libraries to see if there is a match for a book in our library to catalog from - has come to The Odom Library in Moultrie. This new program will save untold hours in cataloging by our librarians.

AncestryPlus is an extensive collection of databases, records and advice on genealogical material. All materials may be searched at once (using a basic or advanced search screen), or various databases and indexes may be searched individually.

Newcomers to genealogy will begin with "Getting Started," a section with much useful advice on how to proceed.

You will have to access AncestryPlus at a public library. All Georgia public libraries do offer the program for all researchers.

The database provider is the Gale Group who update the material on a daily basis. The database covers historic and current events.

It's a marvelous resource for the genealogist which makes any participating library into a genealogical library!

Check your own local library and see if they offer AncestryPlus!

Clan Carmichael Awards Scholarship to Liddle

Clan Carmichael USA has awarded its annual scholarship to Helen F. Liddle of Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Helen, daughter of Nancy Hagen-Liddle, is a U.S. Citizen who is presently attending the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Miss Liddle is pursuing a Ph.D. in Scottish Literature. It is her intention to focus on the promotion of Scottish Literature as a viable and independent discipline with the ultimate goal of initiating Literary Programs based in Scottish works, history and culture at universities in the United States.

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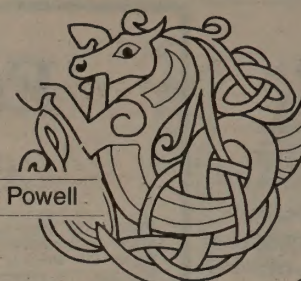
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KENNETH TRIST URQUHART OF URQUHART 26TH CLAN CHIEF

An interview with Sarah Powell



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As legend has it, in the days when wild boar, wolves and bears still roamed the Scottish Highlands a mighty warrior named Conachar Mor ruled over a swathe of territory near Inverness, on the northwest side of Loch Ness.

A scion of the Royal House of Ulster, Conachar became a hero in the folklore of the region for his strength and valour after he and his faithful, but aged hound An Cu Mor slew a ferocious wild boar that had long terrorised the Great Glen.

It is said that Conachar and his sword lie buried somewhere in what is today Glen Urquhart, and Conachar's feat is reflected in the boars' heads adopted as part of the heraldic achievement of the Chief of Clan Urquhart, who regards Conachar Mor as the founder of his clan.

Clan Urquhart took its name from Airchartdan or Urchard, as Conachar's territory was named when St. Columba visited the area in the sixth century, bringing Christianity to a hitherto heathen land.

Later a castle was built there, overlooking Loch Ness, Scotland's most famous loch.

Urchard became Urquhart, and the area became known as Glen Urquhart.

Today the remains of Urquhart Castle stand as an imposing monument to the past and a symbol of the ancient connection between Clan Urquhart and Glen Urquhart. The castle and glen serve as constant reminders to Urquharts throughout the world that their name had its origin here.

Defending the realm of Scotland Kenneth Trist Urquhart, current Clan Chief relates that "The first documented chief of the Urquhart Clan was one William de Urchard - a loyal supporter of Robert the Bruce during the Scottish War of Independence of 1296-1328.

William is best known for his role in commanding troops

against forces supporting the English King Edward I in the successful defence of the Mote-hill of Cromarty on the north shore of the Black Isle.

The Mote-hill overlooked a strategic ferry landing at the mouth of the Cromarty Firth - a vital link in the land route running to the North - essential to royal control of the area.

In 1358 William's son Adam was made Baron and Sheriff of Cromarty and given the responsibility of defending and administering this important district.

For the next three hundred years, the Urquhart clan chiefs held the Sherifdom as hereditary property and the Barony of Cromarty was their principal seat."

The clan's loyalty to the Scottish monarchy was recognised when King James I knighted Adam's grandson William in 1416.

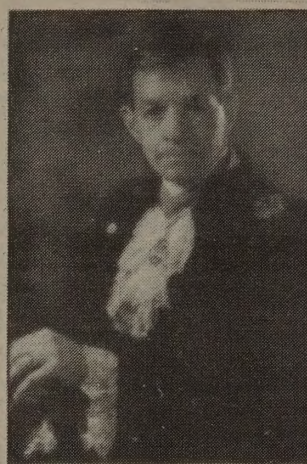
Later, as *Burke's Landed Gentry* relates, King James III granted Sir Wm. Urquhart "the Mote and Mansion Mound of Cromarty, with licence to build a tower or fortalice thereon". Subsequently an imposing



castle was built on the site by Thomas Urquhart, the 7th Chief.

Unfortunately, the castle was demolished in 1772 and sadly today, only an artist's impression of this edifice remains.

Thomas Urquhart, builder of the castle, lives on in family legend for another reason. He reputedly fathered thirty-six



Kenneth Trist Urquhart,
26th Clan Chief

children by one, clearly extraordinary, wife - she bore him twenty-five sons and eleven daughters.

True to the family's loyalty to the Scottish royal family, seven of the couple's sons were killed at the Battle of Pinkie in 1547.

Memorials to Clan Urquhart

Succeeding generations of Urquhart sons acquired other estates, becoming the lairds of Meldrum, Byth, Craigston, Craighouse, Kinbeachie, Newhall and Braelangwell.

All of these estates have passed out of Urquhart hands except Craigston in Aberdeenshire, which is presently held by William Pratesi Urquhart, and a small portion of Craighouse containing the picturesque ruin of Castle Craig. Located on the north shore of the Black Isle overlooking the Cromarty Firth, Castle Craig is the last remaining symbol of Urquhart power in this area. It is the seat of the present chief of the clan who hopes to restore it and make it the centre of the clan's activities.

Castle Craig was once owned by John Urquhart of Craigfintray, Tutor of Cromarty, who later built Craigston Castle in Aberdeenshire at the beginning of the seventeenth century.

The Tutor, so called because he was guardian of his great nephew Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromarty, was

widely recognized for his "deep reach of natural wit and great dexterity in acquiring many lands".

The Tutor administered the 10th Chief's estates in an excellent manner, but, after his time, his great nephew soon got himself hopelessly in debt because of poor estate management and his support of the royalist cause. His son Thomas, who succeeded him in 1642, was unable to recoup his father's losses and incurred further indebtedness because of his support of Charles I and Charles II.

This Sir Thomas, the 11th Chief (1611-1660), was a great character - an eccentric, Scottish genius who is world-renowned among scholars for his outstanding translation of Rabelais - described by one admirer as "a marvellous production".

Sir Thomas is remembered for his service to the monarchy. A royalist officer, he was captured at the Battle of Worcester in 1651 and was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

While in London, he wrote a book tracing his ancestry back to Adam and Eve, and authored works on mathematics, a universal language, and other erudite subjects.

Before leaving Scotland in 1651 he commissioned a 5' 6" by 2' 8" carved decorative lintel for the great fireplace in Cromarty Castle. Called the Kinbeachie Stone, this celebrated sculpture depicts the arms of the Chief of Clan Urquhart and various emblems and inscriptions recalling the legendary history of the family.

In the 1920s the stone was donated to the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland in Edinburgh.

Some seventy years later it was transferred to the new Museum of Scotland where it is today displayed in the section devoted to "The Seventeenth Century Challenge".

Sir Thomas died unmarried in 1660, reputedly of mirth on hearing that Charles II had been restored to the throne.



Arms of the Chief of Clan Urquhart

Descent of the chiefship

The family's financial setbacks ultimately led to the loss of Cromarty and many other important Urquhart lands in the Black Isle. Yet support for the royal Stuart cause continued unabated. The 15th Chief, Col. James Urquhart of Cromarty took an active part in the Jacobite Rising of 1715 and later served as principal Jacobite agent in Scotland for the exiled King James, father of Prince Charles Edward, Bonnie Prince Charlie.

At the death of Colonel James in 1741, the chiefship of the clan passed to his cousin, William Urquhart of Meldrum in Aberdeenshire.

From then until 1898 Meldrum was the seat of the chief. Kenneth Urquhart explains that "This came to an end at the death of the 21st Chief of Clan Urquhart, Major Beauchamp Colclough Urquhart of Meldrum, an officer of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

A bachelor, he was killed in action in 1898 at the Battle of Atbara during the Sudan Campaign.

The chiefship then passed to his nearest male relative, his cousin, Rev. Edward William Urquhart who died in 1916; then it passed to Edward's cousin, David Urquhart of Braelangwell, head of a younger branch of the family.

"By the time David became chief, the house and most of the land of Braelangwell had

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Family Reunions • Gatherings • Meetings



REAL FAMILY TREES

Edith Wagner

Edith Wagner is
editor of
Reunions Magazine

Reunions go on

Amidst all the confusion, doubt and concern in September, *Reunions magazine* polled reunions planned for October and November and discovered that they are going on with great resolve.

Reunions are vibrant and growing stronger.

We were inspired to contact reunions when we received a copy of an email one reunion organizer received September 14th from a niece who lives in Manhattan pleading "Please, please, please assure all Dreisbachs that the reunion should and must take place. ... We cannot allow the terrorists to think for one minute that they have disrupted our lives. We stand tall. We love America. We want the reunion to happen. (I need the reunion to happen)."

The *USS Castor AKS-18*th national reunion went on as scheduled the first weekend in October in Las Vegas. A couple of the approximately 150 members expected at the TAC Missillers reunion were afraid to fly according to organizer Joe Perkins, Middleburg, Florida.

Ned Floyd, Coronado, California, experienced no cancellations for the *USS Bausell DD845* reunion in San Diego.

The Cagle/Knowles Family Reunion would be displaying the flag but otherwise made no changes in their October reunion in Dubach, Louisiana.

Though the events of September 11th will continue to have far-ranging effects on our world, for reunion groups they seem to have underscored our common need to draw together and stand united.

Upcoming reunions

Bloom Descendents of George and Mahalia Chryst Bloom. Oct 18-20, 2002, Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park,

Pikeville TN. Contact Wanda Garner 615-889-8636; <cgarners78@aol.com>.

Donoho July 4, 2002, Salem IL. Out of towners will meet July 3rd to tour Donoho family cemeteries. Contact Bernice Donoho Cravens, 417-9 9 4 - 8 8 2 8 ; <bcrave99@yahoo.com>.

McMullen-Huckleberry/Huckleby July 19-21, 2002, Murfreesboro TN. Contact Katherine Evans, 1777 Catalpa Road, Cleveland OH 44112-1008; <Katzoooba@aol.com>.

Morse Oct 18-20, 2002, Newburyport MA. There will be organized tours of Newburyport and on Sunday a special dedication commemorating the proven homestead of William and Elizabeth Morse, among the first settlers who arrived in the ship James in 1635.

Elizabeth is famous for being one of the first people convicted of witchcraft in America.

Contact Stafford-Ames Morse, 206- 440-1122; <MorseSA@aol.com>.

Poindexter Descendants Association Reunion (PDA). June 19 to 23, 2002, Burlington IA. Contact Joyce Esty at <poindexterfamily.org> or Bill

Poindexter at <Poindexter16@home.com>.

Throckmorton June 16-20, 2002, Williamsburg VA. All Throckmortons in the US are descended from two men both named John Throckmorton who arrived separately in the 1630s, one to Massachusetts, one to Virginia. The Throckmorton Family Reunion grew out of one held in England in 2000, at the Throckmorton family ancestral home, Coughton Court, near Stratford-upon-Avon. None of the families had met before the reunion.

Cousin Dr. Caroline Throckmorton Lewin, sponsors <www.Throckmortonfamily.com> for family members to find reunion information.

Contact Lynn Sherman, 8 0 3 - 7 9 6 - 9 9 4 4 ; <gls1941@yahoo.com>.

Torgerson Descendants of Henrik and Beret (Haugen) Torgerson. Aug 23-25, 2002, Sugar Creek Bible Camp, Ferryville WI. Contact Michelle Rickard, 12429 51st Ave SE, Everett WA 98208; 4 2 5 - 3 8 5 - 8 4 4 7 ; <susanr856@yahoo.com>.

Norwegian descendants anticipating reunion.

Sadly, Fred Radewagen's family reunion grew out of his mother's confinement with Alzheimers disease starting in 1997. It started when he took responsibility to contact relatives in her generation whom she'd maintained contact over the years.

His mother always had great pride in her Norwegian heritage and had visited Norway 20 years earlier. Radewagen's intrigue was intensified when he discovered through a Norwegian genealogy group that someone in Norway had a complete history of his mother's paternal grandfather's mother's family tree.

Radewagen's challenge became finding living relatives in Norway and the US to celebrate the 100th anniversary in 2002 of his grandfather's emigration to America.

There are 20-30 Americans with roots in the Hvaler (Whale) Islands, a small group of rural islands at the mouth of the Oslo fjord, planning to travel to Norway and as many as 250 cousins waiting for them there. But there are still many unfound relatives.

Radewagen is looking for

relatives whose last names include Larsdatter, Larsen, Halvorsen, Westgaard, Bislet, Jorgenson, Jensen, Hansen, Eriksen, Karlsen, Carlsdatter, Berggren, Strand, Broton, Johnson, Norman and Gunderson.

Contact Radewagen, PO Box 26142, Alexandria, VA 22313-6142; 703-519-7757; <fredradewagen@mail.com>.

"Mother Cumberland-A Harvest of Memories" Reunion 2003 Anyone who has an ancestor of any surname who lived in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania during the 1700s. July 18- 20, 2003, Shippensburg, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. Revolutionary War encampment, genealogy seminar, lots of activities for children too. Contact: Donna Cuillard, 6273 Anastasia Ave, Simi Valley CA 93063; <dcuillard@aol.com>; www.Bradyheritage.org>.

Want more?

For more reunion information, visit **REUNIONS MAGAZINE** web site at <http://www.reunionsmag.com> Also see **REUNIONS MAGAZINE**, *Reunions Workbook and Catalog* and *The Family Reunion* by Edith Wagner (1999, Lowell House, Los Angeles) in bookstores. List your reunion free by emailing information to <reunions @execpc.com>

Allerton Family Association to meet in Massachusetts



The Allerton Family Association will hold its biennial reunion July 18-21, 2002 at Sea Crest Resort, North Falmouth, Massachusetts.

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Macmillan is an acclaimed composer and award-winning musician best known for his 1993 CD *Celtic Mass for the Sea*.

Ian McKinnon, a direct descendant of Hug and Mary, is best known as the piper and tin whistle player with Celtic Rock group, *Rawlins Cross*.

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For more information on this CD of lovely music, visit www.mackinnonsbrook.org or phone 902-492-3300/902-492-0447.

(Editors Note: We can wholeheartedly recommend this beautiful work. The last issue of the Family Tree was

built to the strains of the pipes, fiddle and whistle and The MacKinnons' Book Suite!

Clan Mackay to be honored at Culloden Games, April 2002

Clan Mackay will be the Honoured Clan at the Culloden Games April 26-28, 2002 in Culloden, Georgia.

Bill and Helen Mackay of Linlithgow, Scotland will be the Honoured Guests.

Donald William Moffatt new Clan Moffat Society president

Clan Moffat held its 2001 AGM at the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival, Estes Park, Colorado over the weekend of September 7 - 9, 2001. Sixty-three Moffatts from all over the United States and Canada attended. Pat DeMarco and his wife, Karen, organized the festivities for the group.

Donald William Moffatt, of Carmel, Indiana was elected president. John "Jack" Brown of Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada was elected the new vice-president and Marjory Maffitt Jones of Stillwater, Oklahoma was elected secretary. Member-at-Large for Canada is Brian Roger Moffat, Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada.

The 2002 AGM for the Clan Moffat Society will be held at the games in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Madame Jean Moffat of that ilk, will be in attendance and Clan Moffat will be the Honoured Clan.

A preliminary proposal was for the 2003 Moffat gathering to be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Errin

Hannigan awarded Thomas McInnis Scholarship in Highland Dance... and an Honorary Membership

The Thomas McInnis Scholarship in Highland Dance has once again been awarded to Erin Hannigan who attends Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Erin has been the recipient of one of the McInnis Scholarships for several years.

At the Clan MacInnes Society, Inc., meeting at Grand-

father Mountain in July, it was decided to elect Erin Hannigan as an Honorary Member.

If you would like more information on the scholarship or the Clan MacInnes Society, write 8232 Kay Court, Annandale, VA 22023-2201.

Clan Gregor awarded "Best Tent" at Stone Mountain Games!

The Clan Gregor Society was awarded first prize for having the Best Tent at the 2001 Stone Mountain Highland Games. They were first out of 111 tents in the competition.

The Clan Gregor Society is planning a major gathering for 2003 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Battle

of Glen Fruin. Dates will be Friday, July 25 - Monday, 4 August. It is planned to use the

campus of the University of Stirling for a base.

For full information, contact Secretary, Administrative

Office, 2 Braehead, Alloa, FK120 2EW,

Clackmannanshire, Scotland, UK. Email:

clangregor@sol.co.uk

Remembering the Flag

A great deal of what the Sons of the American Revolution stands for is exemplified in the United States Flag. Sometimes referred to as "Old Glory," the flag represents the spirit of freedom - our heritage which we gained from the Revolution. I recently read that The American Revolution was the greatest event in our history and the Flag is a symbol of both the past and the present as our standard of honor. Accordingly, it is appropriate to periodically review how to honor, display and use "Old Glory" in programs and services.

There are a few "rules" to follow:

1. The flag is always displayed on the right of the Color Guard, Speakers platform, etc.

2. In a group display, the United States Flag should be in the center and at the highest point of the display.

3. When displayed against a wall, the stars should always be at the top.

4. When displayed on a flag pole, the United States Flag should always be on top, first to be raised and last to be lowered. The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly. If displayed at night, it should be illuminated.

5. When displayed with other flags, such as a state or society, the United States Flag is always placed on the right. The other flags may be smaller but none larger. When seated inside, stand at attention as the flag or Color Guard enters the room.

6. When Carried by the Color Guard, the flag should be to the right of the marchers and never dipped. When used at anniversary celebrations and grave markings, all other flags are dipped, but never the United States Flag. When the flag passes by, all should stand at attention. Those in uniform salute and others place their hand over their heart. When laying a wreath, take one step backward, salute or place your hand over your heart (ladies curtsy).

When should you display the flag this year? The answer is from sunrise to sunset on the following dates: Columbus Day - October 12; Veterans Day - November 11; Thanksgiving Day - November 4th, Thursday; Pearl Harbor Day - December 7 (Flown at half-staff); Christmas Day - December 25; and State and Local Holidays.

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Ground Zero: A Personal View From The Ground Up

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Frank & Susan Shaw on the steps of City Hall with NYPD Officer Louis Guglielmo and Lt. Don Henne.

On a visit to New York City just before Christmas, my wife, Susan, and I had the privilege of going to the site of the "attack on America" at the World Trade Center, now forever to be known as "Ground Zero". It was a humbling, emotional experience, none like I have known in the 63 years I have been living. You cannot get ready for this visit. You may think you know what awaits you at Ground Zero, but trust me, you don't! Unlike other visits to New York, this one had an emotional edge to it because of September 11, 2001. On the way from City Hall to the site, there was a strange quietness in the police car that had been assigned to us from the Mayor's office. Our driver was Police Officer Louis Guglielmo, who escorted us inside Ground Zero to the viewing stand where families of the victims mourn their loved ones and where dignitaries from various countries around the world pay tribute to their own citizens who were murdered without cause or provocation that infamous day.

During the journey to Ground Zero, we passed a fire station, Engine Company No. 6, with its hastily made altar of flowers, burning candles and pictures of their dead warrior heroes who had given their lives helping others save theirs. People flock to the local fire stations to deposit flowers, pictures, candles, drawings, and notes of poetry and thanksgiving. These shrines, located all around the city for the fallen men and women from the fire department, police department and emergency medical units, are spontaneous outpourings of love and gratitude for those who made the supreme sacrifice for their fellow man. *The New York Times* reported that Nino's Restaurant on Canal Street has been open since 9/11 serving food from volunteers throughout America who just want to do something to help their heroes. St. Paul's Chapel, dedicated in 1776, a mere block away from Ground Zero, experienced no damage. Not even a window was broken. Go figure! The church has become a haven for the tired masses who labor at the site, continuing the cleanup as cots for sleep and food for hunger are offered on a 24/7 basis. Ironically, St. Paul's Chapel is where George Washington

prayed after taking the office as President of the United States.

The greatest financial symbol of what many think is America's greatest city, if not the world's, will be forever marked as holy and hallowed ground, where the dead are still slowly being freed one by one or one piece at a time as I write on the anniversary date three months later. On these shores of our nation, not far from where the Pilgrims gave thanks centuries ago, we know again that "War is Hell".

I've stood in many hallowed places throughout my life - Culoden Moor, Arlington Cemetery, Westminster Abbey, the remains of Holyrood Chapel, the Vatican (where Bonnie Prince Charlie, his brother and father are entombed), and the Rothiemurchus churchyard near Aviemore where Shaw Mor, the progenitor of Shaw's, is buried, to name a few. I've stood over too many gravesites in my lifetime and wept for my father, my mother, my father-in-law, three sisters and a brother, not to mention the many dear friends who have gone on before me. But this ground is different. It is a place of innocence which was turned into a raging inferno that three months later still spews out smoke from the bowels of the World Trade Center as if to say, "America, never forget what happened here on September 11, 2001". I find it a bit strange that the 9/11 date of this unthinkable disaster are the same numbers most of us are taught to call when we need emergency help - 911.

New York is a thrilling city to visit anytime of the year but Christmas, ah Christmas, it is something very special. The stores are colorfully decorated, the windows bursting with the tidings of the holiday season, and the Rockettes, well, they annually pay tribute to the "happiest time of the year". There is a festiveness in the air just to walk down Madison, Park and Fifth Avenues. You see many Santa's with their bells and their kettles collecting for those who are less fortunate than most of us. You know you are in New York City by the smell of chestnuts roasting in the street carts! Broadway and the museums beckon. You may graduate from the double pork chops at Mama

Leone's to the cheese parpadella at Bice on 54th. First timers can't resist the carriage ride through Central Park. And then, there is the tree! What a sight! It makes your heart sing. This year it was seven stories high, bathed in over 30,000 lights - all red, white and blue - surrounded by dozens of American flags rippling through the breeze, saluting the tree and saying that this year is something special.

I've been to New York many times but have never felt the tug at my heart that I did this trip. You notice something else too - the cabbies are not blowing their horns as frequently, even though I'm told they are starting to get back to normal. You hear accounts of New Yorkers speaking the unspeakable "I'm sorry" or "Excuse me" when they bump into someone on the street. I just had to go to the Big Apple to pay my personal respects, stand in silence at Ground Zero, and walk over to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a few minutes of prayer for the City and her people - those alive and those who are not. It was a heart thing.

I read many of the loving notes written on the "Wall of Nations" at Ground Zero, and they tell of loved ones lost and lost love. Notes from wives to husbands, husbands to wives, children to Mama or Daddy, parents to their children, brother to sister, sister to brother, and friend to friend are scribbled on the wall. George Bush eloquently wrote on the wall, "Good will overcome evil. May God bless us all." One simple message that has stayed with me is that of a man to his buddy. It was not the deep plaintiff cry of a loved one who had lost the most important person in their life. It was simply one buddy to another who could only express his memories of the many hours spent together over the years, all the confidences shared, and all the good times enjoyed: "Paul, I miss our fishing. Rich". Everyone on that platform spoke in hushed tones. No one visits the site and the "wall" without experiencing a catch in their voice, a lump in their throat, a knot in their gut, or a tear in their eye. If I told you I stood there on that platform



Your editor's friend, William Brooks "Billy" King sent her this photograph of the WTC - taken from his Brooklyn Apartment window. Many thanks, Billy!

and was not moved emotionally more than ever before, I would be telling you a lie.

Officer Guglielmo pointed out the cross of I-beams that has come to mean so much to those who toil in the aftermath of destruction. He told us how "the Cross", as it is now called, was found flanked by two other crosses when rescue workers entered Ground Zero for the first time after the disaster. There was a piece of sheet metal draped over and seared to one of the arms of the Cross, and the men debated whether or not to cut it off. They concluded it looked like a piece of a robe so they left it as a remembrance to Him. They moved the Cross to a safer place off to the left of the reviewing stand. Firemen, policemen, workers and volunteers of all faiths meet at the foot of the Cross every Sunday morning at 7:00 AM for a prayer service. It has become a symbol of what they are about. Go figure! It doesn't take a genius. I want to personally thank Officer Guglielmo and his boss, Lt. Dan Henne, who will always be remembered by Susan and me as two of the finest of "New York's finest" for their courtesies during our visit.

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Grandma Snodgrass' 1886 Egg Butter Recipe

Patt Ricketts was looking through some of her mother's cookbooks and found this recipe in the *Kansas Official Centennial Cook Book*. 100 Year (1861-1961), Favorite recipes gathered from families throughout Kansas, published

by American Association of University Women, Manhattan, Kansas Branch printed by J.M. Hart Co., Inc., Topeka, Kansas.

Mix together:

2 cups dark syrup; 2 eggs; 1 tsp. butter; 1/2 cup sugar; and let come to a boil, stirring con-

stantly. Pour into dish and sprinkle with nutmeg.

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Sounds good to me!!

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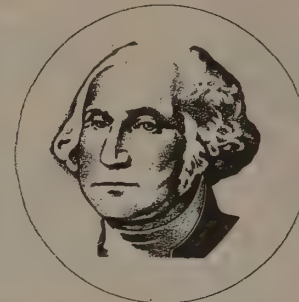
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Woodrow Wilson was also a clergyman's son. President Woodrow Wilson, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was the son of a Presbyterian minister. Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton, Virginia. His father was later pastor of a Presbyterian church in Augusta, Georgia and then a professor at Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina."



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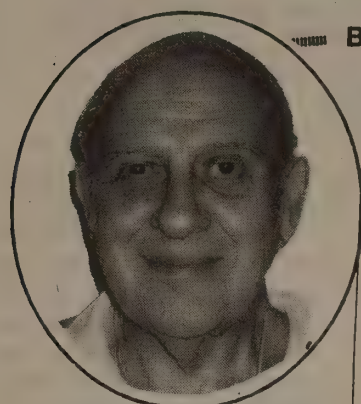
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La Genealogia Italiana - Italian Pedigree

By Cav. Anthony J. Lascio



Cav. Anthony J. Lascio

Notary records, you say. Who cares? You may.....by the time you get to the end of this article. Unless your blood flows blue (nobility) these records may be the only resource you have to take your research back into history beyond the beginning of the local parish ledgers.

Notarial records in Italy revert back to the period of the Roman Empire. In those ancient times, the land owner designated one of his slaves, who was literate, to record and maintain all of the owner's business transactions. No records, no proof. Later in history the emperor chose a public official to do the job. This was particularly important as it pertained to transactions regarding property. A noble family, for example, required the recording of all its property activity in order to keep the family's control over such matters. As time passed, the notary public role became a status symbol as the position became more and more important. It is not uncommon for a family to pass this function down from father to son, even to this day.

All property or possession transactions in Italy are registered and of course, taxed.

But what about the notary connection to genealogy? Notary records are only important when your search for ancestors comes to a screeching halt because your furthest research reveals no more data. The ledgers of the Catholic Church are the sources which carry you back deeper into history than any other primary source. But, all good things come to an end. Whether it be the 1700's, 1600's or if you're very fortunate, the 1500's, eventually

even those valuable church ledgers had a beginning. It is then, if you're persistence overpowers you and more information is sought, do these resources become a factor. The notarial documents can provide a means to carry your genealogical quest back further into history. That is the good news. The bad news is the work you have ahead of you.

Every state archive in Italy has notary record copies, primarily concerning the transaction of property but also regarding wills/inheritance. These records, in some locales, could revert back to the year 1000, but on the average, as a rule, one will find these documents dating to the 1400's and the 1500's. There is no particular pattern to the method or manner these legal transactions were recorded. The style of the specific notary dictates the end result. The language used for these records was Latin and they are filled with notarial lingo including coded language and an abbreviated format. The typical American genealogist will discover that reading these documents will blow their

mind. Further, no indexes were used and many of the documents were extremely lengthy. Recording of the notary records is chronological. The time required first to understand the Latin style, secondly to translate all of the coding, and thirdly to interpret the handwriting, will test the stamina and patience of the most seasoned genealogist.

Exactly what genealogical information will notarial records provide. If the ancestor had property, they will be among the records. In most of Italy, especially the Northern and Central regions, even the poorest had some property be it a meager house on a small piece of land. The record will show not only who owned the property but list all the family members and of course who inherited the deceased owner's possessions.

Another notary record which may be of interest is the

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Kirkin' o' the Tartans explained

Harlan Douglas Whatley -
An T-Albannach (The Newsletter of the New York Caledonian Club)



On April 27, 1941, Dr. Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the United States Senate, originated the American version of the Kirkin' in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

In 1954, the Washington Cathedral was the center of the Kirkin' tradition.

The custom began in Scotland when the clans were called to war and assembled in the Kirk (church) for roll call and a blessing before engaging in battle.

Today, the Kirkin' celebrates the Scottish roots of the

Presbyterian Church. After the defeat of Scottish efforts to reclaim the throne at The Battle of Culloden in 1745, the wearing of the tartan and playing of bagpipes were banned.

However, small scraps of tartan were secretly carried. These tokens of Scottish family and pride were kept in defiance of British rule, to preserve Scottish dignity and in honor of the family heritage they represent. At a prearranged signal from the pastor, often during the Pastoral Prayer, each worshipper would touch the tartan in memory of the tradition and heritage tradition and heritage now denied them.

The Kirkin' includes a processional, recessional and anthems by the pipe band the Roll Call of the Clans, in which the names of families are read and worshippers honor their heritage by standing when their clans are called.

The Roll Call is concluded with "Clan Dia," or Family of God, which includes all of God's people (at which time those not of Scottish ancestry also honor God and family by rising). The Roll Call concludes with the Blessing of the Tartans and the Kirkin' service concludes with the Scottish Blessing.

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thinks a story, like Bruce and the spider, is fact or fiction. You'll have to read it yourself to find out if it is myth or fact!

Magnus served as chairman of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland, and he shares with us his experiences of visiting these monuments during his chairmanship in the 1980s. He drops little directions to these historical landmarks that so many of us will never get to see, which some of us have driven right by in ignorant bliss as we were held spellbound by the countryside. He has a way of making you feel you are there with him. You mark a section in the book for your next trip so you will not drive by a landmark again. Or you feel he is telling only you something by acknowledging that "not a lot of people know that it is there, or how to find it when they do know" or "just outside the town of Angus, by the A90 trunk road from Dundee to Aberdeen", or "it stands back from the A816 from Lochgilphead to Oban, fifth-four metres high", or "at the side of the A167 between Northhallerton and Darlington, or "on the seaward side of the busy A921 coastal road between...". His book is filled with these wonderful tidbits of information for the uninformed tourist who can make his or her trip more meaningful than just taking in the mountains covered in heather. He gently reminds us there is much more to Scotland!

What I love about the book is that it is so well written you can read it by subject or by the lives of the giants who shaped Scotland from its beginning to where it is today. For those of you who have read the Bible through, you know what I am talking about. That's right, you do not have to start with Genesis and end with the book of Revelations.

Another subject of interest is Appendix A, entitled simply *Chronology*, where every date important to Scotland can be found for ready reference beginning in 10,000 BC, continuing for seven pages, and ending in 1999 where in May of that year parliamentary elections were held, and on July 1st a Scottish Parliament opened its

doors for the first time in Scotland since 1707. Can't get much better than that! Turn the page and you will find a listing of every King and Queen of Scotland. Beginning with Kenneth I in 840 and ending with James VI, the king with two numbers, "VI and I", lest the English be forced to recognize there were five before he became Scotland's sixth, and he was sixth before he became their first. Ah, the English! Go figure!

Back to Sir Walter Scott's *Tales of a Grandfather*. Some have criticized Mr. Magnusson for using Sir Walter Scott so extensively in his book, but not me. I have in my library over one hundred books by or about Scott. Like all of us, Scott was a product of his time. Thus, the good and the bad that comes through in his writings. At times he was flat out wrong, but he had a grasp of the old Highland and Jacobean ways that made his writings so popular that he became the best selling author the world had ever know at that time. Move over John Grisham! Scott became the Father of the Historical Novel as we know it today, and only Nigel Tranter came close to him in book sales and in popularity with the people of Scotland. There is probably only one other man who impacted their country as much as Scott, and some will argue more - Robert Burns.

What the critics fail to realize or accept is that Scott was writing *Tales of a Grandfather* for little Johnnie Lockhart, his grandson. In *The Journal of Sir Walter Scott*, you will find these words: "A good thought came into my head: to write stories for little Johnnie Lockhart from the History of Scotland". Little Johnnie was Scott's daughter Sophia's surviving child, John Hugh, so dearly loved by his Grandfather and he became the Hugh Little John in *Tales of a Grandfather*. Wee Johnnie was, regretfully, destined to die just a few years later in 1831. What the guys at the universities can't understand is that Scott was writing these stories for his grandson even if he did have his eye on the public's pocketbook. They became best sellers.

Sure, Sir Walter purposefully overlooked some

items of history. At times Scott played loose with the facts and embellished them here and there, but I do not recall reading anywhere that he claimed to be a historian in the true sense of the word. We all tell our tales and add a small twist or leave out one to make our stories come out the way we want them to. Even governments hedge their bets when it comes to history. I recall in the late 1960s on my first trip through



MacRae appointed editor

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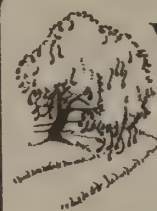
Mr. MacRae, retired from a professional career in education, is the Convener for the 12-state Great Rivers Region of the Clan MacRae Society/NA and lectures on Scottish history and genealogy.

He is past President and Treasurer of the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans; past High Chief of the Minnesota Pan-Celtic Festival; past national board member for Clan MacRae; past clans coordinator for the MacAlister College Scottish Fair; a member of the St. Andrews Society/MN and Scottish Heritage USA.

"Checkpoint : Charlie" into communist East Berlin that our guide revealed that the life of Hitler was not being currently taught in the schools.

In conclusion, if I were told that I could keep only one book on the history of Scotland from those currently in my library, which one would it be? I am glad I do not have to make that choice, but if I did, and knowing how I

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been lost as the result of the extravagant lifestyle of his uncle, Charles Gordon Urquhart, an officer in the Scots Greys who was killed in 1828 while serving as Governor of the Island of Karabusa during the Greek War of Independence.

All that remained of the Braelangwell estate for David to inherit was the ancient little church and burial ground of Kirkmichael on the south shore of the Cromarty Firth."

Urquhart roots in America

By this time many Urquharts had migrated from Scotland to other parts of the world.

Among those who had established themselves in North America was George Urquhart,



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At various points in his career George served as a member of the Assembly of West Florida, a Justice of the Peace, Deputy Collector of Customs, and a Magistrate while becoming a successful indigo planter, merchant and businessman.

When he died in 1779, his widow and two young sons moved to New Orleans, capital of Spanish Louisiana, the colony adjacent to British West Florida. Our line of Urquharts has remained there to this day.

"George's great-great grandson, Wilkins Fisk Urquhart, was my father. After establishing his identity as 'Urquhart of Braelangwell', he was recognised by the Lord Lyon as Chief of the Name and Head of Clan Urquhart in 1959 - assuming a role which had lain dormant since 1934 when the 24th Chief, Francis Fortescue Urquhart of Braelangwell - his cousin - died."

In 1974 Kenneth Trist

Urquhart succeeded his father as 26th Chief of Clan Urquhart.

Sharing a passion for history, father and son collaborated on a number of important historical and cultural projects. They were responsible for saving the Confederate Museum in New Orleans from closure and they also played crucial roles in the revival of the Louisiana Historical Association and its transformation into the leading historical association in the State of Louisiana.

Retired academics, the current Clan Chief and his wife, Mary Virginia, are now devoting much of their time to researching Clan Urquhart in preparation for writing a comprehensive history.

Kenneth views the role of Clan Chief as very important. The living embodiment of the chiefs who went before him, he has the responsibility of leading and inspiring the clan. Much of his time is devoted to the preservation of the clan's heritage, and to making Urquharts throughout the world aware of it.

Commemorating history

An important date that will undoubtedly go down in clan history is that of May 1994 when members of the Clan Urquhart gathered in Scotland for the first international family reunion in modern times.

"This event", says Ken-

neth, "fulfilled the long-standing desire of the Chief and the Clan Urquhart Association that an international gathering of Urquharts be held in Scotland."

Although he did not live to participate in the 1994 gathering, a major force in bringing it about was Major-General Robert Elliott ("Roy") Urquhart, a distinguished hero of WWII whose bravery as Commander of the British First Airborne Division at Arnhem has gone down in history and who was immortalised by Sean Connery in the film *A Bridge Too Far*.

General Urquhart was appointed Commissioner of Clan Urquhart for Scotland by the chief in 1982 and he took the lead, assisted by Bruce Urquhart of Craigston, in organising the British branch of the Clan Urquhart Association which had been established as an international organisation in 1976 by the Chief of the Clan.

The British branch, under the leadership of General Urquhart's son, Adam, was responsible for organising the 1994 international gathering.

At the 1994 clan reunion, family members from various parts of the UK and overseas joined together to renew their commitment to the heritage of their clan and to celebrate their pride in being Urquharts. They visited places of historical significance to the clan, being welcomed at Craigston Castle and visiting the town of Cromarty and the eighteenth-century Cromarty House, built on the site of the clan's old castle.

In 1999 a second international gathering was held, when the programme of events included the dedication of the Clan Urquhart Room in the old, restored Cromarty Courthouse located in the town where for centuries Urquhart barons and sheriffs officiated over the local population, maintaining the peace and dispensing justice. They also made a pilgrimage to the clan's birthplace, Glen Urquhart, and visited Urquhart Castle on the shoreline of Loch Ness - home to a legendary and elusive monster reputedly first spied by St. Columba on his mission to convert the Gaels to Christianity.

Today members of the clan are widely scattered throughout the world. The 26th Clan

Chief explains: "We Urquharts have become a worldwide family, Scottish by origin and Scottish by conscious choice; a family of members who, despite their diversity, view themselves as one; and proudly call themselves 'Urquharts'."

We look to Scotland as our home and we have a special attachment to Glen Urquhart, Cromarty, and the Urquhart estates in Aberdeenshire.

"It is our hope that Clan Urquhart will grow and prosper and that its Association and its projects to preserve and promote the heritage of the clan will be successful. One of Clan Urquhart's great challenges in the twenty-first century is the restoration of Castle Craig, our historic hereditary seat overlooking the Cromarty Firth. The restored castle would provide a permanent clan centre and a base in Scotland for all members of Clan Urquhart. In pursuit of this end, as in all things, let us live up to our ancient clan motto: 'Meane Weil, Speak Weil and Doe Weil', which is surely as meaningful today as it has ever been."

The next international gathering of Clan Urquhart is scheduled for 2004 when it is hoped that an archaeological dig will take place at Castle Craig as a preliminary to commencing restoration work.

The Association now numbers over 500 members with families hailing from the USA, Canada, France, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and, of course, Scotland and England - a membership expected to increase substantially over time as further Urquharts are identified and located.

Branches of the Association operate in the United Kingdom, the United States,

Canada, and Australia/New Zealand. Through the Clan Urquhart Foundation, members' subscriptions have already enabled substantial contributions to be made to the Craigston Castle Maintenance Trust, the Cromarty Courthouse, Cromarty's historic East Church, the Ship Hector Foundation, and the National Trust's Culloden Battlefield.

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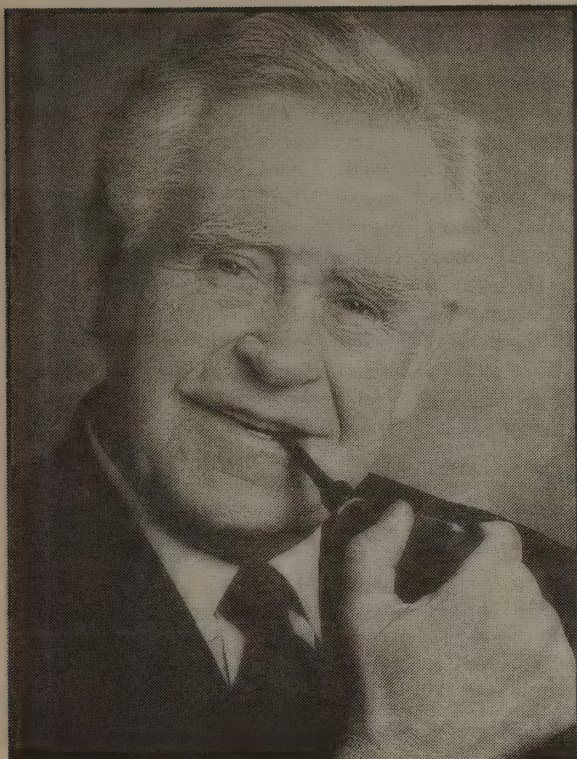


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Magnus Magnusson, KBE

Born in Iceland in 1929, Magnus Magnusson moved to Edinburgh with his parents at nine months of age. He is still an Icelandic national and carries an Icelandic passport. Mr. Magnusson has had a distinguished career in broadcasting, journalism, historical and archaeological research, Icelandic and Old Norse studies and environmental affairs. He retired in 1999 after a seven-year term as the founder Chairman of Scottish National Heritage, the Government's environmental agency in Scotland. Magnus was educated in Edinburgh, Oxford, and Copenhagen. For 25 years he was host of BBC 1's popular television quiz show, *Mastermind*. He also served as host on other popular television shows such as *Tonight*, *Chronicle*, *Pebble Mill at One*, *BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands*, *Vikings!* and *Living Legends*. He presented numerous radio programs including *Landlord or Tenant?* - *A View of Irish History*, *Up the Fifties* and, in 1998, *Tales of a Grandfather*, a series on new perceptions of Scottish history. He has published some thirty books and has won the *Scottish Television Personality of the Year* and the *Iceland Media Awards*.

Q: With so many authors having written books on the history of Scotland, what made/inspired you to jump in with both feet to do the same? How long did it take to research and write *Scotland: The History of a Nation*?

A: In the 1990s, with the prospect of devolution coming closer, people in Scotland were thinking more and more about their identity as a nation, and it seemed a good time to look at Scotland's history from a layman's point of view. The trigger to start serious work was

when BBC Radio Scotland commissioned me to present a series on the way in which contemporary Scottish historians now viewed Scotland's history. The fact that so much excellent historical research has been going on, and being published, was a tremendous bonus. The radio series served to give focus to my thinking. The series and the book took about two years of research and a year of writing.

Q: It was nice to see Sir Walter Scott get some modern day recognition in your book. The way you referenced other historians' opinions to counter those of Mr. Scott was an interesting and refreshing concept. How did you come to quote *Tales of a Grandfather* as extensively as you did, even stating "Scotland, it has often been said, was *invented* by Walter Scott in his portrayal of its history"?

A: Scott's *Tales of a Grandfather* had been boyhood reading for me, and I loved it! Indeed, it was the only Scottish history I read (we got none at my school). The structure I chose for the radio series and the book was to have a look at how historical perceptions had changed in Scotland in the 179 years since Scott wrote. Scott was the reference point. It was about historiography, as well as being a narrative account of how modern historians now perceive Scotland's history.

Q: Scott is sometimes accused of giving Scotland her "tartan and shortbread" image that has come down to this day. Many people dislike that image of Scotland, but what image do you think Scotland would have today if he had not made such an imprint on the country so many of us love?

A: The 'tartan and shortbread' image was underway before Scott! For details,

see 'The Tartan craze on pp 653-4. Similarly, Scott was by no means the first to popularize tourism in Scotland - nor was he the last. The 'picturesque sensibility' age had begun late in the 18th century (think of Wordsworth and the Lakeland poets), and the Napoleonic Wars had closed Europe for the Grand Tour. But Scott's early writings, particularly 'The Lady of the Lake' (1810), gave a tremendous boost to all this as far as Scotland was concerned. Without Walter Scott, others would doubtless have done the same - Queen Victoria building Balmoral Castle also did much to popularize the Highlands, and the coming of railways made them much more accessible.

Q: I noticed on the internet that Professor Ted Cowan, head of Scottish history at Glasgow University, took you to task for using Scott as you did in your book, but he went on to confess that he had not even read your book. Having not read your book, he was unaware that you quoted him and many others to counter Scott's positions. This, in my opinion, left Professor Cowan with egg on his face. You evidently touched a "hot spot" of his. What gives? Did you two ever discuss the matter and come to an understanding?

A: Ted and I are the best of friends, and I have learned a tremendous amount from him. He is always willing to give of his time to help others, and he was one of the key interviewees on the radio series. When my book was about to come out, a journalist phoned him up and gave him a garbled version of what it was about; Ted made the mistake of speculating on this misinformation. It's a warning to us all!

Q: You've been asked this before, but is it true that on your first day at *The Scotsman*

as a young man you burst into the offices exclaiming, "Where are the girls? I'll lay them like tables"?

A: No - alas! I wish I had!

Q: You have a very interesting family: Magnus (journalist, broadcaster, author), wife Mamie Baird (journalist), and children: Sally (broadcaster), Margaret (television producer), Anna (radio producer) and John (television and radio comedy producer). What influenced your children to follow in the paths of their parents?

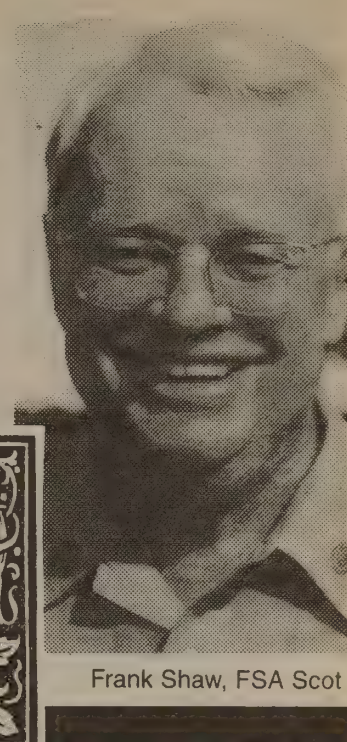
A: Not I - or not directly, at least. They grew up in a house crammed with books, where everything revolved around journalism and television - communicating, in the broadest sense. They chose their own careers - despite the fact that having a well-known name did not make it any easier. Quite the contrary, in fact. They had to do much more to prove themselves in their own right.

Q: I have seen you described as Britain's "brainiest man" and a sure bet to have won as a contestant on the show you hosted for 25 years, BBC's "Mastermind".

A: I can categorically deny any claim to being Britain's 'brainiest man'! The real Masterminds were those who sat in the Black Chair - I had the questions and answers written down in front of me!

Q: How did you manage to capture such a beautiful picture of Scotland in your book while other authors have written about Scotland by volumes?

A: I was trying to tell the story of Scotland, the *saga* of Scotland - not to write a definitive history of Scotland (which cannot be done anyway, in however many volumes). I am not an



Frank Shaw, FSA Scot

A HIGHLANDER AND HIS BOOKS

A Chat with Magnus Magnusson

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Broadsword, Continued from page 5A

bat. There are examples of blades blued, inlaid with gold and silver, and heavily engraved, with portraits, poems and mottoes, and even castles, religious symbols and talismans. The baskets and scabbards, where they survived, heavily decorated, indicate the intent of the provider. The sword was meant as a symbol of respect, of office, or of remembrance.

Few of the swords that were meant for enlisted military personnel have survived. And of the survivors, many are in museums. Museums are reluctant to allow a metallurgist to work on their collections since metallurgical evaluation involves destructive testing. While we suspect that the quality of combat destined blades was probably high, we have no way of knowing for sure. Just looking at the blades and evaluating the wear and abuse they suffered can give some indication of quality, but really not enough. The quality of antique blades is, in most cases, a mystery.

Baskets are usually made of brass, in modern times. Brass, whether gold or silver-plated, is very attractive. It makes a basket hilted broadsword stand out among the accessories of Scottish attire. This wasn't always so. In earlier times, when a broadsword was primarily meant for defense or aggression, iron or steel baskets were favored. The military basket shown, marked with runes of the 81st regiment of foot, appears dull and unattractive alongside one of polished brass. But yet, it is a more practical weapon. Brass bends easily, and may even break in heavy combat, while steel can withstand the rigors of combat. Blackened, or painted, steel would not reflect light. A reflection at the wrong time might give away one's position to an enemy. Fatal in the age of firearms.

Another aspect of collections is that the best swords, those in good condition, have survived. I have seen and evaluated blades that apparently were in combat. They were not pretty. In one accumulation, there were over thirty of them that had seen service in India. All had been removed

from their mountings. Many had gouges and dents in the blades. My opinion was that they had been removed from service when an armourer had determined, in his experience, that the blade had been compromised; that in further rough service, the blade was likely to break. I did not observe any cracks in any of the blades. One of the thinner blades we did try to break. It did bend and take a set, but it did not break easily. We tested all of the blades for temper and hardness and found a wide variety.

Note that the reproduction has a leather hand cushion. In observing broadswords in many collections, I have seen a variety of methods of attaching hand cushions. Probably, all basket hilt swords were used with a hand cushion, or a glove. It would not take many blows before one's hand would be bruised in combat. A cushion would offer protection and comfort. Most modern cushions are attached as per the reproduction: between the blade and the underside of the basket. Which is just fine. Many originals that I have observed had a piece of leather or copper between the blade and the basket. As these deteriorate, the blade and the basket are left loose. Since many antiques are riveted together, a loose grip on an antique sword is an indication of its authenticity. A repair would mean removing the grip, replacing the shock pad, and restoring the grip by beating the metal back over the pommel. If done carefully, I don't think it detracts from the sword. But, if the sword is going to sit in a display case, it doesn't make any difference.

Many surviving cushions on originals in collections show evidence that they were attached per the illustration: tied to the basket by thongs. The cushion can be removed for cleaning, or be tossed if it is a casualty of combat. For dress, the same sword may display an ornate hand cushion made of some exotic material, such as velvet, as shown.

While just a tassel is on the reproduction, many originals still bear their sword knots. Sword knots were far more ubiquitous in historical warfare than tassels. Sword knots

served a practical purpose. With the loop of the knot wrapped around the wrist, one could drop the sword in the heat of battle to manipulate a pistol or carbine. In the manual of the saber, the sword knot flips around. The tassel doesn't get in the way as much, and is far showier. The sword knot, while still regulation in the U.S. and British armies for saber drills (now mostly ceremonial!), had been replaced in the Scottish regiments with the tassel at the pommel.

The scabbard is made of steel, with two loops. A special holder, called a bandolier, goes over the shoulder and has two spring clips for the rings on the scabbard. Before about 1750, most scabbards had a button stud, or were plain, meant to be held in a harness that laced around the scabbard. Then came the Hussar regiments of central Europe. They used sabers with great curved blades, and ornate scabbards with loops that attached to clips on the saddle or their belts. All armies wanted to emulate the Hussars, hence the bright uniforms and looped scabbards of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries! Look at any book on the Napoleonic era and see the colorful uniforms.

Most Scottish regiments leave their scabbards bright, but many original steel scabbards destined for combat bear evidence that they were painted or blued. One reason is that a flashing scabbard can be a target in battle.

The Scottish broadsword is bright and flashy, with its polished basket and gleaming blade! Up held, it has reminded many of us of our proud heritage and of our constant vigilance to preserve our freedom.

With many thanks to Ken Lewis, of Rory MacLeod, Inc., both for the donation of the handsome broadsword and for this article!

Here's a way to say "thanks" to our armed services!

If you have email and would like to write a note of thanks to our military, all you have to do is go to <OperationDearAbby.net> and leave your thoughts for our servicemen and women.

Frank Shaw, Ground Zero, Continued from page 13A

In a later email to Officer Guglielmo, I asked about a huge building to the right of the viewing stand that had an enormous gash in it from top to bottom as it stood there defiantly, like a wounded soldier, paying tribute to his fallen colleagues all around his feet. The officer informed me it was the Deutschebank building. Hundreds and hundreds of workers in the building were able to evacuate safely without the loss of one person. Yes, the definition of heroes has changed. No longer are overpaid, under performing ballplayers the measure of a hero in America today. Look it up in Webster's and you'll see a picture by the word "hero". It's the picture of a member of the FDNY, NYPD, or medics from the RESCUE units going about their work of saving lives at the expense of their own at Ground Zero.

As I stood and reviewed this hallowed ground, I could not help but think of the three thousand senseless murders that occurred on that one spot right in front of me that will forever change the way Americans feel about their country. Most of the poor souls have not and might never be found. Their bodies are missing and, for some, only a part or two will be discovered, but that will at least allow some sort of closure to begin for their families.

What will happen on that small piece of land in the future that will be forever branded into our hearts and memories? I'm not worried about that or what will be built on that site.

I'll leave it up to Rudy Giuliani, "America's Mayor". He now is one of a very select three or four people I claim as personal heroes. My father-in-law, Vic Etheridge, is the first to come to mind. James David, my brother-in-law, is another. The fourth? Well, the jury is still out! The good Mayor and the other powers that be will see that the right thing is done. Americans always have done the right thing about their dead. This time will be no different!

In conclusion, there really is not much to say that hasn't already been said by the masters of the "saying trade" - the journalists and the talking heads of television. But perhaps our President said it best: "The world is beginning to understand why we all treasure America so much - our values, our freedom and the strength of the American character." Of the many patriotic cartoons that have come across my desk since September 11, one stands out. It shows a fireman holding aloft our Stars and Stripes, standing in the rubble and carnage of Ground Zero with an armed combat ready soldier reaching out for the flag as he says to

the fireman, "I'll take it from here." America is at war, and we wish our men and women in service well as they "take it from here"! On that day, Mr. Bush also said, "Today our nation saw evil...and we responded with the best of America." We always have. We always will.

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Jean de La Bruyere, 1688

**Frank Shaw, Continued from page 17A**

feel about Scottish history, I would more than likely chose the book written by the man who lives north of Glasgow! The other history books I mentioned to you are scattered throughout my library, but this one will always have a prominent place within easy reach.

I recommend that you keep it close at hand for ready reference - on your desk, by your favorite chair, or on the shelf with your Scots Dictionary and your favorite books on or about Scotland. *Scotland: The Story of a Nation* is the book for you. It may never reach the

lofty position of #1 on the New York Times bestseller list, but it is #1 at my house. A word to the wise should be sufficient!

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betrothal (marriage) contract which was somewhat common in Southern Italy and Sicily. This act occurred when a dowry became involved. Example; Antonio wishes to marry Giuseppe, but, because he was much older than his bride, her skeptical parents desired an exchange of property along with the daughter to "sweeten the deal". Antonio or his parents were required to give Giuseppe's parents land, livestock, or some other item of value in order to obtain their blessing on the marriage contract. Thus, the act was recorded in the notarial records to protect the bride's parents and provide legal certification and documentation.

To summarize, notary records are considered a secondary or collateral record source. When all else fails, they could provide data to fill missing links. But do bear in mind these records are extremely difficult to track down and interpret. Their value is limited at best, but where nothing else is available, they can be helpful. When planning to tackle these documents I have one piece of advise. Before you begin, take two aspirin and go to bed.

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Microsoft pulls the plug on Windows 95/98 support

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Microsoft recently introduced *Windows XP* with a lot of fanfare. However, the company has been a bit quieter about its announcement to cancel support for older operating systems. Microsoft will begin pulling the plug on support for *Windows 95* and *Windows 98*.

Support is an expense for Microsoft. It can maximize its profits by shutting down support for older products and pushing everyone towards buying newer, supported Microsoft products. There's nothing new here. Hundreds of other software companies have made similar support decisions on older versions of their programs.

Buried deep in the *Windows XP* announcements you can find a note that Microsoft ceased to provide support for *MS DOS*, *Windows 3.xx* and *Windows NT 3.5x*. At the same time, support will become limited for *Windows 95*. In June 2002, Microsoft will cease to provide full support for *Windows 98* and *Windows NT* version 4.0. This will leave the overwhelming majority of current *Windows* users without operating system support.

So, what's the big deal? You probably don't call Microsoft for support now. Anytime you have a question

you probably ask a friend, a relative, a co-worker or perhaps you post a message on one of the online forums. Since you never ask Microsoft for support, you might feel that this issue will not affect you.

Keep in mind, however, that the companies that produce your favorite software depend upon Microsoft a lot more than you do. They not only have "how-to" questions, but they also depend upon bug fixes and support alerts. None of those will be forthcoming in the future for the older versions of *Windows*.

Only *Windows ME*, *Windows 2000* and *Windows XP* will be supported. If these companies cannot obtain needed support, they may not be able to produce software for your system.

I wouldn't be surprised to see software listed within the next year that is certified to operate only on *Windows SP, 2000* and *ME*. All older versions of *Windows* will be unsupported. If you install a program on *Windows 98* and then encounter a problem, the producing company may not be able to help you.

Microsoft has moved to a standard 3-year product lifecycle now. That's all that anyone can expect to get by way of formal support from Microsoft

for all their products. The company will offer limited "extended support" available another year; "extended support" is a synonym for "paid support" on a per-call basis. In other words, have a credit card handy when you call for assistance.

One side note: Microsoft's "Desktop Product Lifecycle Guidelines" affect all of their products, not just operating systems. Similar policies have been implemented (or soon will be implemented) on Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Money, Flight Simulator and hundreds of other programs produced by the company. If you want to see when Microsoft will pull the plug on support for your software, look at <<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/lifecycleconsumer.asp>> and at <<http://www.support.microsoft.com/directory/discontinue.asp>>



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academic historian – if anything, I am a 'storian', to coin a phrase.

Q: Of all the awards you have received, and you have received many, which one or two are your favorites, if any?

A: What stands out for me, I think, is the *Medlicott Medal of the Historical Association* in 1989, because it was presented by a society of professional historians to a layman. The double 'knighthood' stands out, too – *Knight Commander of the Order of the Icelandic Falcon* in 1986, and honorary *Knight of the British Empire* in 1989. It is extraordinarily gratifying to have been honored in this way by both my countries – Iceland and Scotland. Honorary doctorates from seven British universities have also been immensely flattering.

Q: An oft-asked question of mine to people of all walks of life in Scotland: If Scotland ever becomes totally independent, could she support herself in the custom she finds herself today, enjoying the same services then as she does today from the Crown?

A: Why not? Much smaller countries, like Iceland, have flourished mightily since they became independent. But more importantly, it allows us to make our own mistakes and have no one else to blame except ourselves!

Q: J. K. Rowling's books about Harry Potter have taken America by storm. Now the movie is doing the same with Harry grossing nearly 200 million dollars here in

the United States during the first two weeks of screening. What has been the reaction in Scotland to Harry Potter and Rowling? How do people view the second richest woman in Great Britain, the Queen naturally being the richest?

A: I don't know how people view J K Rowling herself. But everyone (especially in Scotland) rejoices that she found in Edinburgh the opportunity and the sanctuary to give birth to her brilliant creation and start her rags to riches career as a writer. I know of no one who grudges her a penny of her staggering earnings from her own efforts.

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trophies, certificates, and in the case of the Grand Prize Winner, a banner and engraved Revere bowl. All entrants will receive the judges' critique sheets.

Please call Beth at 229-985-6540 if you need more.

**Scottish Weekend,** *Continued from page 1A*

fun. Our talks will feature some of the finest speakers in the country and will run the gamut from Kitty Carroll and her wondrous accipiters to Rixey and MacMillan and their *Tribute to Robert Burns* and Pat Talbert will present *The Burns' Women*. Janet Danforth and Robert Moir will present *Bloody Ribbons* - a play about the women of Culloden...and so much more.

Bobby Murray will play for a Scottish Country Dancing event on Saturday, too.

SAMS from Savannah, Georgia will be our Honour Guard and The Centerville Volunteer Fire Department Pipes & Drums from Warner Robins, Georgia will perform.

Saturday evening is the highlight of the weekend as The Gala Banquet and Ceilidh will feature the very finest in Scottish entertainment: Carl Peterson, Colin Grant-Adams, Pat Talbert, Eric Duncan, Rixey & MacMillan - as well as our famous all-you-can-eat seafood buffet, door prizes and more.

Sunday morning the celebration moves to the First Presbyterian Church for a beautiful Kirkin' o' the Tartan service. (You are most welcome to carry a banner - bring yours or use one of ours.) Scottish Weekend 2002 will draw to a close with the wonderful luncheon which follows the church service.

Please call for full information and to see if there are tickets available. We have limited space so the first who register will have tickets. Call Beth Gay, 229-985-6540. You may also access our *Family Tree* Internet edition for full details and for reservation forms. <<http://www.scottishtales.com/familytree/>>



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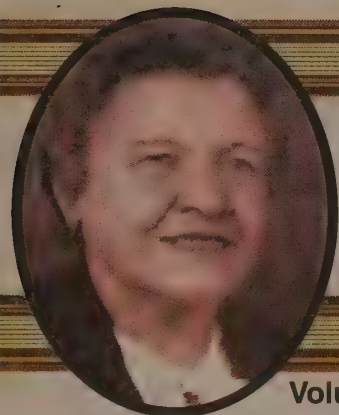
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Jacob Tucker Henderson wins a beautiful American flag! Dorothy Miller, Gene & Gustava Baird also win big!

With such nice prizes as incentives, our intrepid and brave, stalwart skeleton hunters really scoured our pages last time to find that boniest of guys who was lurking on the Highland Embroidery ad.

Jacob Tucker Henderson of Wellesly, Massachusetts won the gorgeous American flag from The Flag Shop. Dorothy E. Miller from Vincent, Ohio won a handsome tartan dog collar from BonBright Woolens and H. Gene and Gustava H. Baird won the Carl Peterson CD - *Scotland Remembers the Alamo*.

Ten of our brave hunters won subscriptions to *reunions magazine*: Judith McClure from Columbus, Indiana; Donna M. Toplift Sterling from Pasadena, California; Mr. & Mrs. John Goodwin of Winter Park, Florida; Margaret Brookshire of Ellerbe, North Carolina; Mrs. Claire Haizlip of Stillwater, New York; Mrs. Karen E. Hoff of Pittstown, New Jersey; Mrs. Winifred Drane of Memphis, Tennessee; Janet Reynolds of Wichita Falls, Texas; J. Dean McAlister of Pineville, Louisiana and Janet MacKenzie of Dunwoody, Georgia - will all enjoy this interesting and informative publication.

Let's do another American flag!

I don't know about you...but in the past few months, I just feel better to see,



wear, touch an American flag! So, let's give another one away to one of our skeleton trackers! It's a really nice, big flag...and it's from The Flag Shop up in Nova Scotia.

We'll have another dog collar from BonBright Woolens and Carl says we may give away another one of his *Scotland Remembers the Alamo* (...which is not only marvelous music, but is a very painless history lesson!) CD.

Edith Wagner of *reunions magazine* will allow us to give away another 10 subscriptions to her magazine.

Oh, please tell me why you hunt skeletons?

Welllllll....the truth? The truth. It's fun.

Besides, there are some folks who are really afraid of finding a skeleton in their own

family tree. (Genealogists know that we all have them...and we're not "afraid" of them at all!) But, to try and have a little something for

everyone...we just want to help you find that skeleton - who turns out to be a sort of cute pie - in your closet...get it over with...so, you may go ahead and just enjoy your search for your own family roots!

How does one "hunt" a skeleton?

It's easy to go on our skeleton hunt! No boots, no

jackets with dozens of pockets...no guns...not even any early mornings are required!

All you have to do is to really look at the pages in this publication. You'll find that little guy running from his closet somewhere in our pages.

Once you have him espied, just send us a postcard with his location. Send it to: Skeleton, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. We'll draw winners shortly before the next issue goes to the printer!

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance!

George Bernard Shaw

Narra The Wonder Cat hospitalized with virus



We are so very happy to report that Narra The Wonder Cat, *Family Tree* proofreader and computer repair cat is at home recovering from a virus of unknown source.

Narra declined to comment, saying only, "Mufft."

She spent two days in her private suite at the Matthews Veterinary Clinic in Moultrie, overseen by the gentle hands of Dr. Jimmy Matthews and his staff.

Narra was well enough to work on this issue of *The Family Tree*, although she did require some extra "cat cookies" for added energy.

Scottish Weekend featured in February Southern Living magazine

We are delighted to announce that the Odom Library Scottish Weekend 2002 is featured in the February issue of *Southern Living* magazine.

Our friend, Gary Ford - who is the Travel Editor for *Southern Living* - visited the Scottish Weekend a few years ago when Diana Gabaldon was our Honoured Guest. This weekend, as well as the 2002 event will be the subject of an article in the upcoming issue.

Southern Living is about everybody's favorite magazine and it is a great honor for our library and event to be within its pages!



The COSCA Report

Lt. Col. Robert Heston, President

How to revive a Clan

Our guest columnist, Kurt Moore, Clan Muir

So you have finally decided to dig into your Scottish Heritage, or perhaps you've been celebrating it for years.

You try to find your Clan based off of your surname.

Alas, according to various sources you belong to 6 different Clans!

What a dilemma, which Clan is really your Clan?

In desperation you contact

COSCA (The Council of Scottish Clans & Associations) to begin the chore of narrowing down your search to a single Clan.

COSCA helps but there are still several Clans claiming your surname as a Sept, why there is even a Clan that has the same surname you do. To help clarify things you visit the official website of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. A quick

search indicates that you do indeed have a Clan, but there is no Chief. In fact, there is no recognized Society or point of contact for your Clan.

Some folks give up at this point; others forge ahead and start the process of reviving their clan from the mists of obscurity.

How does one go about reviving their Clan? There is no clear-cut set of instructions, but as I recently set about reviving the Clan Muir I learned a great deal.

Now I'm going to attempt to lay things out in a clear, concise course that one can follow from beginning to end. Bear in mind, this is the course Clan Muir followed, your course may take a different heading depending on the particular circumstances of your Clan. Here goes:

1. Find a Clan Society, if none exists then form one. I did so by using free web hosting and creating a website. I paid the nominal fee to have a domain name reserved for my Clan. I went to several search engines (such as Yahoo and Hotbot) and placed the Clan website in their databases. This started the process of people contacting me regarding the Clan. A tax-exempt status is not required but it is nice when trying to gather up the fees needed for this Process.

2. I contacted both the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and the Lord Lyon, via the Clan Muir Society Vice President who lives in Scotland. You can write to them or visit their websites, our VP just called them. The Council may be reached through the official web site <www.myclan.com> and the address for the Lord Lyon is Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms H.M. New Register House, Edinburgh. EH1 3YT

3. Step one, select a candidate to become the Clan's Chief following these guidelines set forth by the Council and the Lyon Court

a. However, the derbhfine has not entirely disappeared from the legal system, and it is to be found in the procedure followed where the whole chiefly line has been extinguished and no claimant to the undifferenced arms has come forward to the Lyon Court. In such a case, the Lord Lyon, exercising the delegated authority of the sovereign, may award the arms appropriate to the chief or head of any house by the petition of an 'ad hoc derbhfine'. The procedure is initiated generally by an approach from a clan society or association to the Court of the Lord Lyon. An Officer of Arms, one of the Heralds or Pursuivants, or other suitable person must be appointed by the Lord Lyon to oversee the necessary procedures and prepare the petition. (In this case our "Herald" was the society VP, Hazel Muir Rae).

The ad hoc derbhfine (in our case the Clan Society Leadership, this is a bit of a stretch of the law but was allowed by the Lord Lyon) is duly convened and advertisement of the procedure is generally ordered on a fairly wide basis to ensure that due notice is made and to allow any heir to come forward and claim the chiefship by right of blood. We accomplished this by posting the election on the website and having the society members vote on the Candidate.

b. Any candidate selected and recommended to the Lord Lyon King of Arms requires to have been domiciled and habitually resident in Scotland for a period of three years before such recommendation and submission and must be so domiciled and resident at the time the recommendation and submission is made. The Society chose the father of our VP, Andrew Moore. His family has resided in Ayrshire for some 600 years and was as close a

candidate as we could find for a blood relative of the Last Muir Chief who died in 1700 without a male heir.

c. The elected individual is called the Ceann-Cath (Clan Commander) or Head of the House. They have all of the powers and responsibilities of a Chief, but may not use the title of Chief. d. Despite the conflicting language put forth it turns out that the Lyon Court sets forth the requirements of how to select a Chief, but does NOT approve the Chief. The Standing Council of Standing Chiefs makes the approval, after a period of 5 to 10 years. This waiting period is to allow someone who feels they have a better claim to the chiefdom to step forward and prove it. It was stipulated that the waiting time might be reduced to 2 to 3 years given the presence of the Internet and other modern communications media.

4. Step Two: Assuming no one steps forward with a better claim and the elected individual is confirmed by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, the individual then makes a prayer to the Lord Lyon for a rematriculation of the coat of arms of the last acknowledged Chief. Once that is done, Clan members can apply to have the Chief's arms rematriculated as Arming's arms. Chieftains may then be appointed by the Chief but must be approved by both the Council and the Lord Lyon. I have enclosed samples of the pleas and the cost index below.

Applying for a Grant of Arms to an Ancestor This procedure may also be used for nationals of other countries who wish Armorial Bearings. The applicant is called "The Petitioner", and should submit a formal "Petition" to the Lord Lyon King of Arms, drawn up as in the fictitious specimen


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Immediate Past President, Rev. Ray A. Buchanan of Raleigh, North Carolina remains on the Executive Board of the organization.

AGM set for Estes Park, Colorado next fall

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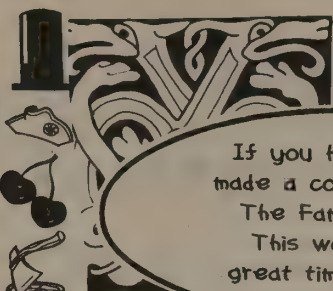
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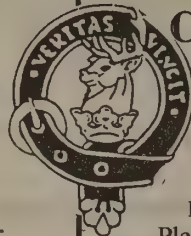
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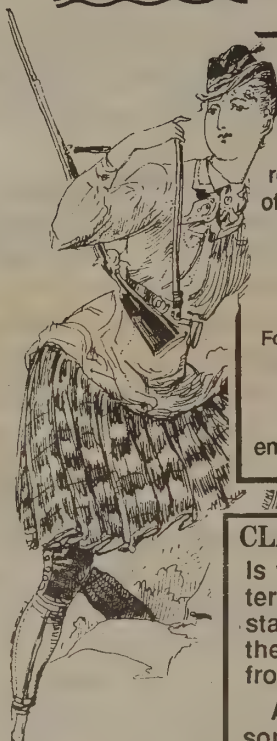
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cannons fired "gunstones"
weighing more than 330
pounds each. (They were so
heavy they could only be
moved three miles a day by a
team of 100 men!)

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Mons Meg has been in the
prison vaults of Edinburgh
Castle because of concern that
the elements would deteriorate
the metal. Now, new protec-
tive coatings, have allowed to
be returned to its proper place
on the ramparts!

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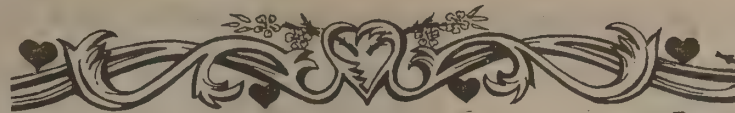
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Beth² Alligood suffers stroke before Christmas

The Family Tree "staff," Beth² Alligood, suffered a stroke the week before Christmas at her home near Moultrie.

As this is written, she is still in Colquitt Regional Medical Center in Moultrie. She is now in a regular room after spending several days in Intensive Care.

Thankfully, the prognosis is good and she has been left with slightly slurred speech and a left hand that won't quite do what it's told to do.

She will be recovering at home and I know she would be absolutely thrilled to hear from any of our *Family Tree* readers. Her address is: Beth Alligood (It would tickle her for it to be Beth²), 1390 Monroe Jackson Rd., Meigs, GA 31765-3944.

Our former intern and always friend, Miranda Mabry, is working "extra" with the publication on a "wait and see how Beth² is" basis. My friend, Barbara Johnson, who has worked with us on a volunteer basis for many years, is also stepping into the breach when Miranda has to attend to her afternoon job responsibilities.

I'm actually having a really good time writing the paper from scratch...although, unless somebody can invent a 40-hour day and a recipe for no-sleep....I know I can't really do this anymore all the time.

Ah, my friend and cohort, Beth², you are missed!

Here's one to think about...

Recently, a law professor reported that while teaching about early English land law, he asked his first-year class: "How many of you had ancestors living in the thirteenth century?"

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The Paul Green Multimedia Award was presented to The Catawba Valley Scottish Society as well as to the Loch Norman Highland Games 2001.

The Malcolm Fowler Award was presented to the Loch Norman Highland Games 2001 Program.

The Joe M. McLaurin Newsletter Award was presented to the Catawba Valley Scottish Society, Inc., *Piper Newsletter*.

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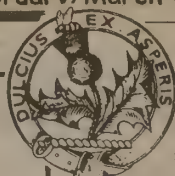
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Fourteenth Ulster American Heritage Symposium set for June 2002 in York County, South Carolina

Over the years, Members of the Scotch-Irish Society of the USA have participated in The Ulster American Heritage Symposium [UAHS], which is a biennial event, alternating between Northern Ireland and the United States.

Plans for the 2002 UAHS are now under way; society members wishing to present papers or to attend should note the following. The UAHS organizing committee is inviting proposals for its fourteenth biennial meeting to be held June 19 - 23, 2002, at various sites in York County, South Carolina.

Since 1976, the UAHS has met every other year, alternating between a site, usually the Ulster American Folk Park in County Tyrone, and a site in the United States.

The UAHS provides a forum for scholarly presentations and for the exchange of ideas regarding all aspects of the Ulster Diaspora, in both Ulster and the United States, over the last three centuries.

The co-directors of the 2002 UAHS are Dr. Bill Brockington, of the University of South Carolina at Aiken (USCA), and Dr. Sam Thomas, Curator of History of the York County Culture and Heritage Commission (YCCHC).

The theme for the 2002 UAHS will be *A Revolutionary People: 17th, 18th, 19th Century Emigration, Immigration, and Migration*.

During the 1600s large numbers of Scottish Presbyterians immigrated to the historic province of Ulster. The religious wars of that century resulted in hardened attitudes by Protestants and Catholics alike.

A century later, both groups were shaken by agrarian revolts, the American Revolution, and the United Ulster Rebellion.

The revolutionary spirit, which spread across Europe in the nineteenth century, had

roots both in Northern Ireland and in the United States.

The revolutionary ideas of liberty and uncompromising individual freedom continue to determine attitudes in both countries to this day.

It is this process that will be the theme of the 2002 Ulster American Heritage Symposium. The UAHS program committee is soliciting proposals, which may be for individual papers or for entire sessions. The program committee will evaluate individual submissions and incorporate them within sessions constructed by the program chair around common themes. Session proposals would include three or more related papers, along with suggestions for a moderator and/or commentator.

The Committee asks that planners of each session make a good faith effort to achieve balance and objectivity. Each paper will have a presentation time of approximately twenty minutes. All proposals must include an abstract of about three hundred words (including a description of the themes/material, sources and methodology to be used, an assessment of the contributions of the paper, and a list of any needed technology) and a one-page vita for each author.

Proposals should be sent by September 30, 2001, to: Professor W. S. Brockington, Department of History, USCA 471 University Parkway Aiken, SC 29801.

Please send any questions regarding the program to Dr. Brockington via mail, phone (803) 641-3223, FAX (803) 641-3461, or e-mail <billb@aiken.sc.edu>. The program committee will notify submitters of their decision by October 31, 2001.

As part of the 2002 UAHS, the York County Culture and Heritage Commission will present a major exhibition entitled *Cracker Culture: Scotch-*

Irish Folkways of the Carolina Piedmont, 1740-1820.

Under the direction of Dr. Sam Thomas, co-director of the 2002 UAHS, presentations and additional events - such as Feis Chlobhair, a Scotch-Irish festival; the battle of Huck's Defeat; a Carolina Day celebration; and a YCCHC sponsored trip to Northern Ireland - will complement the UAHS.

More information regarding this aspect of the UAHS will be forthcoming, or you can reach Dr. Sam Thomas at <sathomas@rhtc.net>.

The Ulster American Heritage Symposium is an event of major significance on the Scotch-Irish calendar. Even if a Member does not wish to present a paper, he or she may wish to note the dates and consider attending some or all of the sessions. The UAHS committee will send out information regarding registration, travel, and accommodations soon.

Please contact Dr. Thomas or Dr. Brockington directly if you want to be on their mailing list for information. The Newsletter will, of course, provide updates on the 2002 UAHS and associated events.

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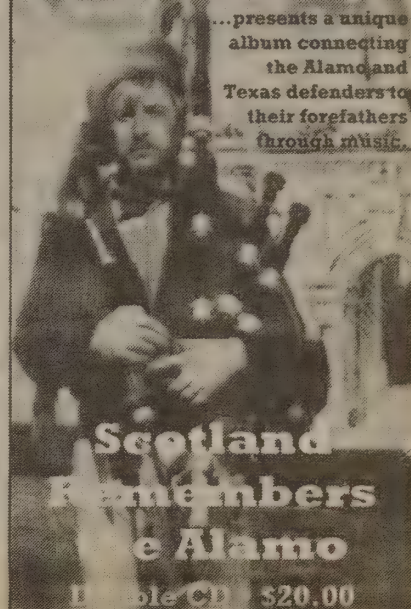
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It starts by describing how our warriors, the clan tent cavaliers. "Set-up their clan tents early in morning while waiting for their favorite food vendor to open."

It praises us for endeavoring to preserve our ancestral history, culture, and glory, then debunks us for A "buying every trink and bauble" offered by the vendors.

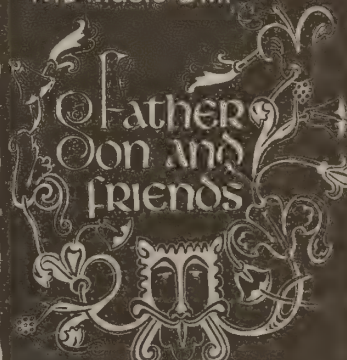
It continues by mentioning that some may think we are silly to sit around in the hot afternoon while wrapped in yards of wool (which I earnestly agree with at times), but suggests that the guys tossing the telephone poles aren't much better.

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The society still exists with many of the same goals as in previous years. They can help point you to records that may

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The Dawn of Underwater Warfare

On Feb. 17, 1864, the Confederacy's *H.L. Hunley* became the first submarine to sink an enemy ship when it torpedoed the *USS Housatonic* near Charleston Harbor. Unaccountably, the submarine, known as a Torpedo boat, vanished after the battle.

In 1995 the submarine was found on the ocean floor buried under 30 feet of water and several feet of silt and sand. Now 135 years after it sank, a concerted effort by local, state, and federal governments plus a nonprofit group, Friends of *The Hunley*, is underway to bring the submarine and its crew to places of honor in the city where the Civil War began, Charleston, S.C.

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Milestones in the Heather is priced at \$39.00 and is available from the author. You might wish to use his e-mail address which is <argothom@aol.com>.

The Hanna Family in the Westward Movement

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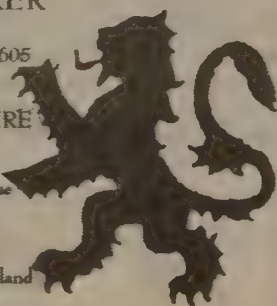
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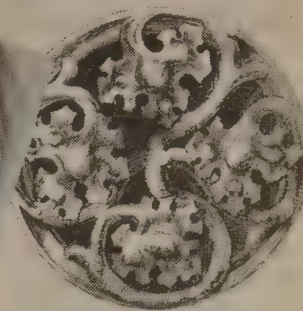
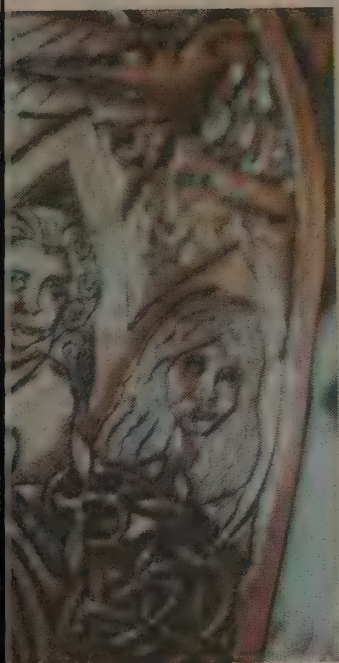
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Mary Katherine Jackson Oliver Hays, 93, a civic worker, died of heart failure Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at St. Catherine's Village. Mrs. Hays was a Flora native, the daughter of Rufus Lafayette Jackson and Ada Collum Jackson.

Mrs. Hays was well known for her coloratura soprano voice and she sang at many religious and social functions.

In 1927 She married Halbert Puffer Oliver and moved to Texas, where Mr. Oliver died in 1934.

In 1937 she married Donald Osborne Hays, who survives her.

She was active in the UDC in Washington.

When they lived in New York, Mrs. Hays was employed at the 1940 New York World's Fair, in charge of the W & J Sloanes' house in the "Homes of Tomorrow".

She was secretary to William Pahlmann, then head of the Interior Design Department of Lord & Taylor's Fifth Avenue Store.

She returned to Mississippi where she continued her studies at Millsaps College until her husband was ordered to Washington where she joined him. There she was a Regent of Abigail Hartman Rice Chapter of the DAR among

many other duties.

Also Mrs. Hays was a member of the Women's Club of Flora, The First Families of Mississippi, and The Washington Club.

While doing family research, Mrs. Hays found that her Johnston line led right back to the Annadale Chapel of the Cross about ten miles from her Flora home.

She organized a tremendous amount of research material which is now on microfilm in the DAR Library in Washington, The Mississippi State Archives and the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. When Clan Johnston in America was organized, she was a charter member of its Executive Council, and the National Membership chairman until 1980.

Survivors include, Mr. Hays; many cousins, five nephews and three nieces.

Quenton Fisk Urquhart (1926-2001), a member of the Chief of Clan Urquhart's family and of a Clan Urquhart Association founder died this past August 29. He was the second son of the 25th Chief Wilkins Fisk Urquhart of that ilk and his wife Alys, Lady Urquhart, nee Rivet. Quenton was born 12 September 1926 and as a sixth generation New

Orleanian, held membership in many of the city's old organizations. He was a member of the Stratford Club, The New Orleans Lawn Tennis Club, several carnival organizations and the Kappa Alpha Order at Tulane University.

Proud of his family heritage, Quenton's matriculated Arms on 145 November 1961 at the Lyon Court. His Arms bear the motto, "Per Actum Intentio" (Let the intention be judged by the act.)

His life was spent in the insurance field. He retired some years ago as Senior Vice President of Guaranty Income Life Insurance Company. He was an Army veteran of World War II having served in the Pacific Theater.

He is survived by his wife, Chareen Patricia Carr Urquhart and sons Quenton Fisk Urquhart, Jr., David Carr Urquhart and a daughter, Elisse Urquhart Kaiser and Quenton, Jr.'s wife, Ann Hartwell Urquhart. He is survived by five granddaughters, a son-in-law, Kevin M. Kaiser. He is survived by a sister and two brothers, including Kenneth Urquhart of Urquhart.

Stewart C. Davidson, a longtime member of the Clan Shaw Society, of Washington, DC died in a hospital in Oslo, Norway while traveling. He was a former investment banker, with the end of prohibition, became a restaurateur, owning Clyde's of Georgetown and The Old Ebbitt Grill. He died of acute myelogenous leukemia.

James D. McDonald of Roseville, California died June

18, 2001 after a long illness. James was a veteran of World War II, having served in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Kennedy Society of North America. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, a son, James E. McDonald, a brother, grandson, brother-in-law and nieces and nephews.

Robert Neil Kennedy of Los Alamos, New Mexico passed away in March 2001 after a lengthy illness. He was father of Kennedy Society of North America members Karen A. Kennedy and Paula Price.

Joyce E. Larrabee Rader, 58, of Scarborough, Maine, died 16 September 2001 at her home following a lengthy illness. She was a member of Clan Carmichael USA and the St. Andrews Society of Maine and retired as a medical secretary.

Neil McInnis of Hicksville, New York, died in late September. Neil was a retired New York detective. He was 72. He was an active member of the Clan MacInnis Society.

Robert Zimmer of Baltimore, Maryland died October 12 at the age of 26. He was the younger son of Clan MacInnes' Phil and Hilda Zimmer of Garner, North Carolina.

Michael Joseph Duffy, tragically at the World Trade Center on 11 September in his 29th year. He was the loving son of the Honourable John M. Duffy (District Court Judge) and Barbara Maguire Duffy, devoted brother of Mary Kay

Duffy and John M. and his wife, Siobhan Duffy, the beloved grandson of Marie Maguire and Katherine Duffy.

With thanks to *Ui Dhubhthaigh*.

Emsley Wilkes "Dub" Phillips, Jr., passed away December 5, 2001 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dub Phillips was a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, first in Circle Ten Council in Dallas, Texas and later in the Greater Salt Lake (Utah) Council. He was an advisor to the Order of the Arrow and a Vigil member. He earned the district Award of Merit and the coveted Silver Beaver.

He was past president of the Utah Scottish Association and a 12-year commissioner to Clan Donald USA.

He served in many callings in the LDS Church.

He retired in 1986 as superintendent of the water treatment plant in Bluffdale, Utah. He was a member of the disaster team for the American Red Cross and a Commander of the Scottish-American Military Society.

"Dub" touched the lives of many others. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and his love of service.

He is survived by his wife, Myra Lea and two daughters, Cynthia Leann Phillips and Kari Elizabeth Green as well as two grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

Your editor can never remember when Myra Lea and Dub were not dear and special friends. We claimed "cousin" even though neither of us ever had time to figure which Phillips we both came from. I send love and sympathy.

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Seeking information **CATHERINE STEWART**, born 19 May 1805 in Rosebank, Corriebrave or Slidery, Isle of Arran, Scotland, died Dec 1881 in Tarkio, MO. Parents **DUNCAN & MARGARET CURRIE STEWART**. Married **JOHN CURRIE**, Feb 1828, Kilmory Parish, Arran, Scotland. Seeking information for **MARY DUTCH**, born Feb. 1836, Heron Island, New Brunswick, Canada, died Nov. 1928 in Tarkio, MO. Married **PETER CURRIE**, Jan 1857 in New Mills, New Brunswick, Canada. Parents **ALEXANDER & MARGARET ALLEN DUTCH**. Mary's siblings were **GEORGE**, **JOHN** married to **CHRISTIAN DUTCH**, **CATHERINE** married to **JOHN MCINTOSH**, and **ALEXANDER**. Mary was my great-great-grandmother. Alexander's siblings were **GEORGE & ELIZABETH**. Elizabeth married **ALEXANDER**

MAXWELL, their son **GEORGE** born about 1807, died Jan 1902. The **DUTCH** family was among the earliest settlers on Heron Island and were ship builders. Seeking information **HENRIETTA DUTCH**, born 1873, married **DAVID C. POTTER**, March 1904. She was of Moncton, Canada. Parents were **GEORGE & MARGARET CONNACHER DUTCH**. Children **HENRIETTA DUTCH POTTER**, born Oct 1906 and **JANET POTTER**. Please contact **LaVida Lyda**, Box 211, Whitehall, MT 59759 or e-mail <merlelyda@in-tch.com>.

Seeking information on **ALEXANDER WASSON**, died 4 January 1859. His wife was **MARY JANE SIMPSON**, who died 28 November 1860. Her brother was **DAVID J. WASSON**, who died 10 February 1890. All New Orleans. *Daily Picayune* indicates County Antrim origin and Scot-Irish. Please write **Val Bukowski**, 1810 SE 44th Street, Cape Coral, FL 33904-5442.

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WILLIAM CARLISLE and **ROWENA WALKER**. Please contact **Charles J. Hudson**, MD, 44 Nelson Ave., Cooperstown, NY 13326. Email: <cndhudson@aol.com>

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ROBERTSON, all spellings of the name. Any information of families in North Carolina 1820-1850. My grandfather, **ROBERT ROBERTSON**, born North Carolina 1820-1834. No family or area known. Any help would be much appreciated. Where might I find such information? Thank you for your help. Please contact **Mabel Robison**, 2235 Juntura Court, South, Salem, OR 97302-2222. Call 503-5899-9567.

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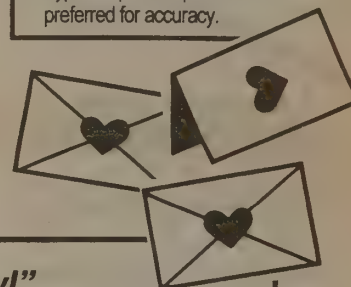
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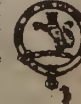
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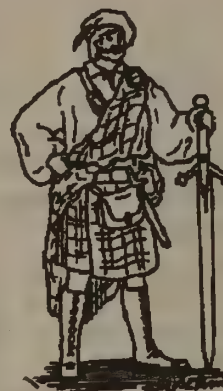
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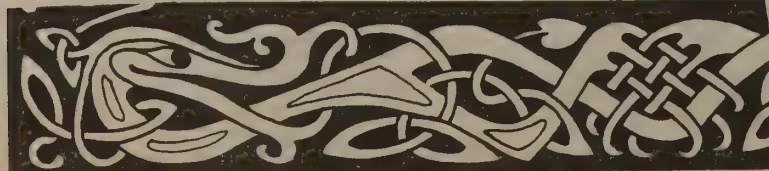
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Our longtime Jewish genealogy columnist, Carol Davidson Baird, has "retired" from doing her regular column for this publication. We appreciate her long and dedicated service to our readers and thank her for her generous contribution of her time and talents. Thank you, Carol!

One of the most popular columns, Carol's input will be sorely missed.

If you would like to write for us, please contact Beth Gay at 229-985-6540.



Burke's needs to hear from Clan Chiefs & Feudal Barons

Editors at Burke's are busy compiling the 107th edition of *Burke's Peerage & Baronetage* due to be published in October 2003. For the first time, we plan to include genealogical articles for Clan Chiefs and Feudal Barons.

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Stuart Nixon

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OK, so you've been working on the family tree for several years or more, and you no longer consider yourself a beginner. But that may just mean your "beginner's luck" has run out and you are mostly hitting stonewalls right now.

Where do you go from here?

As popular as the Internet is for doing genealogy, I am hearing more and more people confess that the information they're getting off the Internet is not well documented, and in any case, there are still numerous instances

where the trail runs cold, forcing the family historian to seek answers elsewhere.

If you have encountered such a roadblock and would like a friendly suggestion at this point in your search, let me recommend any of the following four books as possible additions to your genealogical toolkit. These books all have one thing in common: they are intended for people who have advanced beyond the beginner's stage but would still appreciate a little instruction and inspiration for the next phase of the journey. I

picked these four not because they are the only such books on the market but because they are a good sample of what you might find in the category that I call "companion" research guides (that is, they serve as companions to more basic books). The four are:

1. *Adventures in Genealogy* by Patrick G. Wardell, 195 pages, \$20.50. Hearing how other people solved their genealogical problems may or may not be helpful in your own situation, depending on how relevant that person's problems are to yours. In the case of Colonel Wardell (retired Army), who teaches adult education courses on genealogy and has compiled a series of books on Virginia families, reading about the lessons he learned and the techniques he developed as he dug around in his family's past over a period of almost 30 years is definitely a worthwhile exercise.

His book rambles from topic to topic in a user-friendly style, detailing the frustrations

he encountered as he tried to run down the facts behind various family stories (including the fate of a maternal line that followed the Oregon Trail to the West Coast).

Very early in the game, he discovered that his father's memory in genealogical matters was a little fuzzy. For example, Dear Old Dad remembered an ancestor who was a major in the Union Army during the Civil War. Turns out that "Major" was not the ancestor's rank but his first name! He was named after his mother, Elizabeth Major. As for his military record, there wasn't any; he never fought in the Civil War.

Wardell shares a lot of tidbits like this as he describes the many sources you too may want to investigate both close to home and on the road at this stage of your journey.

2. *Pitfalls in Genealogical Research* by Milton Rubincam, 74 pages, \$7.95. The congenial Milton Rubincam, now deceased, was a major figure in

American genealogy during the second half of the 20th century. This short collection of some of his words of wisdom touches on such matters as family traditions, similar or identical surnames, calendar changes, royal ancestry, and coats of arms. The advice tendered here remains as valid today as the day Rubincam first wrote it—a testament to the importance of not letting modern technology distract us from tried-and-true methods of study.

3. *This and That Genealogy Tips* by Shirley Hornbeck, 249 pages, \$35.00. Prompted by the author's experience creating a web page on genealogy, this book is loaded with lists, definitions, explanations, Internet addresses, historical background, and bits and pieces of advice on numerous aspects of the research process.

Unlike Pat Wardell's book, this one is entirely a compilation of facts and commentary, with no discussion of the author's personal history, although the information she provides here derives from 25 years spent developing a large database on the Hornbeck family.

She has organized the book alphabetically by topic so that you can go directly to subjects of particular interest, such as cemetery research, diseases, holidays, immigration, naming patterns, occupations, religion, Social Security, and westward travel. The print is small, so you get a lot of bang for your buck.

4. *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists* by Emily A. Croom, 290 pages, \$18.99. The latest in a series of "how to" books by the energetic Ms. Croom, this is a book of "strategies for more successful family history research."

The format of the book is strictly practical, laying out Ms. Croom's many ideas, tips, reminders, warnings, and "brick wall busters" in a step-by-step plan. As a fan of detective stories, she has sprinkled quotes from Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot, Miss Marple, and other famous sleuths

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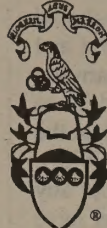


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ing sought. Beneath "HUMBLY SHEWETH" the Petitioner should set out his ancestry, back to the ancestor for whom the retrospective Grant is being sought, in numbered paragraphs in the way explained in the Petition of a New Grant.

This account should be accompanied by Certificates of Birth and Marriage for each

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When these matters have been agreed, the Lord Lyon will pronounce his judgement as to the form of the Arms, and instruct Lyon Clerk to prepare the Letters Patent which is the formal title deed to the Arms. The Petitioner will then receive from Lyon Clerk a draft text for the Letters Patent for him to check and approve, and a note of the fees due to H.M. Treasury and the Herald Painter, which must now be paid.

Once the draft text has been approved and the fees paid, the Lyon Clerk will in due

course send the Petitioner the Letters Patent granting the Arms to him. A copy of the Arms and the text of the Letters Patent is placed on record in name of the Petitioner in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, and the process is NOTE:- In the specimen below, the Arms sought for and in memory of Thomas Augustus Blank will NOT have descended to the Petitioner, because his father Lieutenant Colonel Harold Andrew Blank was NOT the eldest son of Thomas Augustus Blank. Lieutenant Colonel Blank was the second son, and the direct inheritance of the Arms of Thomas Augustus Blank will have gone off to Lieutenant Colonel Blank's elder brother.

Thus the Petitioner will have to apply further for a Matriculation of Arms. All his male cousins will be in the same predicament, except the eldest son of the eldest son of Thomas Augustus Blank. It is not unknown for such groups of cousins to club together to share the cost of the retrospec-

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Specimen Petition for a Grant of Arms to an Ancestor HUMBLY SHEWETH

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2. THAT the Petitioner was born at Blankbrae, Blanktown 20 March 1947, and is the eldest son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Andrew Blank, D.S.O., M.C. and Bar, sometime commanding the 2nd Battalion the Blankshire Highlanders, and his wife (married Bridge of Earn in the County of Perth 3 February 1946) the Honourable Corisande Helen Buggins, daughter of Henry, 5th Lord Buggins;

3. THAT the Petitioner's father, Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Andrew Blank (born Blanktown 13 December 1910) was second son of Thomas Augustus Blank, Naval Architect, and his wife (married Bexhill in the County of Sussex 4 July 1905) Polly Perkins, daughter of Josiah Perkins, Haberdasher; 4. THAT the Petitioner is desirous that such Ensigns Armorial as might be found suitable and according to the Laws of Arms might be granted for and in memory of his said grandfather Thomas Augustus Blank. MAY IT THEREFORE please Your Lordship to Authorise the Lyon Clerk to prepare Letters Patent granting unto the Petitioner's said grandfather and his descendants such Ensigns Armorial as Your Lordship may find suitable and according to the Laws of Arms, AND your Petitioner will ever pray. Signature Date

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Any assistance provided will be acknowledged and greatly appreciated. We need photographs of your chief, officers and anything of importance you'd like to include. We need the clan crest, history of your organization and contact information plus information about your historical castles.

The point of contact for this project is Kurt Moore and he may be reached at <wolfstar@msn.com>. Mr. Moore will be glad to answer questions or explain the CD-ROM.

**Kurt Moore, Continued from page 22B**

Schedule of Proofs COURT OF THE LORD LYON Petition of JOHN THOMAS AUGUSTUS BLANK SCHEDULE OF PROOFS TO PROVE:

1. (a) Marriage Certificate, John Thomas Augustus Blank and Letitia Mary Atkins.

(b) Marriage Certificate, Thomas Atkins and Hannah Johnston Smith.

(c) Birth Certificate, John Everly Blank.

(d) Birth Certificate, Mary Hannah Blank.

(e) Birth Certificate, Heather Letitia Blank.

2. (a) Birth Certificate, John Thomas Augustus Blank.

(b) Photocopy, Army List 1946, page 201, Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Andrew Blank, D.S.O., M.C., rank and decorations.

(c) Marriage Certificate, Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Andrew Blank and the Honourable Corisande Helen Buggins.

3. (a) Photocopy Birth Certificate, Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Andrew Blank.

(b) Copy Marriage Certificate, Thomas Augustus Blank and Polly Perkins. Signature

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Researching the Netherlands

"Flessenpost" is Dutch for "message-in-a-bottle," according to Marcel Horck from Breda, Netherlands. He has been researching his own families and now offers to help Americans who need assistance with research in the Netherlands.

He writes in English.

Contact him at: M. Horck, Weilustlaan 104, NL-4817 TN Breda, Netherlands. His email address is <horckmjm@wanadoo.nl> You may view his website at <http://www.home.wanadoo.nl/horckmjm>

Do you have ancestors from Dorset, England?

Dorset Migration Index, Somerset & Dorset Family History Society Project, West Dorset Research Centre, 45 West St., Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3QW England wants your help in finding immigrants who may have come to your area from Dorset, England.

Who were they? When did they come? Where did they come from? Where did they settle? Can you tell us their histories?

For more information and forms see their website <www.dorsetmigration.org.uk> or e-mail: <info@dorsetmigration.org.uk>.

Who were the British Home Children?

Most of us do not realize that about 100,000 children from more than 50 British child-care organizations were sent to Canada from 1870 to 1940.

These are known as "British Home Children." They were from 4 to 15 years old and were deported to work on farms until they reached the age of 18.

It is alleged that some were sent to Canada without the parents' knowledge or consent.

It is estimated that there are about four million descendants of these children in Canada today.

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Grandpa was a "Turner?"

Wood was widely used in the early days because it was readily available and easily worked. There was the "joiner," now known as a cabinet maker; there was the "nailor," now known as a carpenter; and, the "turner," who shaped wood with a chisel on a lathe!

A "dish turner" made piggins, noggins, runlets, kiclers, firkins, buckets, churns, dye tubs, carders, pounding tubs, etc., out of wood.

The roofing applicator, using thatch or handmade wooden shingles for the most part, was a "thatcher." The dry kiln operator was a "clapboard dryer." Barrels and casks were made by a "cooper," and hoppers for barrels were turned out by the "hooper."

Logs from which lumber was made were felled in the woods by "fellers," "axemen," and "hewers" and were cut to size by "sawyers." The "beam maker" converted those logs into beams.

Our names do tell us a lot about our early family!

With thanks to *Madison County Remembers...* A Publication of the Madison County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031.



Frances Buchanan, PO Box 5243, Lake Charles, LA 70606, writes that she recently made "Buchanan Bears" for her granddaughters! What a great idea! Any other bear ideas? How about tartan ideas? Write us!

More jewels come to Moultrie!

We thank Alta Bearman for a sack o' jewels for the decorations for Scottish Weekend 2002! Alta, of Valdosta, is always doing kind and generous things for The Odom Library and for *The Family Tree*.

We also thank Carol Forbes of Susanville, California for sending us a box of goodies!

The mail brought us a box of goodies from Winifred Cameron of Vero Beach, Florida who shopped at a fair for treasures for our project!

Thanks to Dorothy Robinson of Salem, New Jersey who sent along some very interesting baubles!

We have had fun...and I just this second realized this is the last time we'll talk about "jewels for Scottish Weekend" ...'cause the weekend will be here before we know it...but we have had fun working on the decorations large and small...and they are more beautiful and certainly more sparkeldy (my spell-check just blew up!) because of the kindness of our readers!

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Tool Kit, Continued from page 20B throughout the book to emphasize certain points about good investigative techniques. She also includes case histories from her own family to show how such techniques might be applied to your inquiries.

One technique she explains at length is "cluster genealogy," where you broaden the focus of your research to look at relatives, neighbors, and associates of the person you are tracking. This is a level of sophistication that most web crawlers will never approach, but it is very much a strategy that any serious genealogist needs to understand.

You can obtain these books from their publishers, as follows:

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